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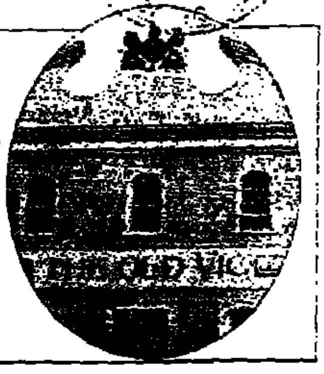

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Tommy Graham cleared on suicide

Scottish row Labour MP suspended

BY JILL SHERMAN AND SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE Labour MP Tommy Graham was suspended by his party yesterday pending an investigation into local politics in Renfrewshire. But he was cleared of any responsibility for the suicide of fellow MP Gordon McMaster last month.

The Chief Whip, Nick Brown, said that serious allegations remained against Mr Graham that had to be properly investigated. These included that he had worked with a "known opponent" of the Labour Party.

At the same time Labour's general secretary, Tom Sawyer, announced that a task force was being established to investigate three constituency parties in Scotland and that two councillors there were to remain suspended.

The Paisley scandal completely overshadowed the Government's launch of its devolution referendum campaign in Scotland and an historic show of unity by the country's three parliamentary parties.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, shared a platform with Alex Salmond of the SNP and the Liberal Democrat Menzies Campbell to push for a "double yes" vote on September 11. But the occasion was hijacked by problems in the west and Mr Dewar was left to combat suggestions that the sleaze allegations had damaged the pro-devolution campaign and suggestions that a Labour-dominated Edinburgh parliament would be "Paisley writ large".

Mr Graham, the MP for West Renfrewshire, later confirmed that he had been suspended. But in a statement read by his solicitor, he said that he was delighted to have been exonerated of any part in Mr McMaster's "tragic demise". Mr Graham, who was named in Mr McMaster's suicide note, has denied involvement in a whispering campaign or in spreading rumours that Mr McMaster was homosexual.

Graham: "good reasons for investigation"

Mr Brown's statement appeared to support this, saying: "I am satisfied that Gordon was suffering from a severe depressive illness for which he had been receiving treatmnet over a long period of time and that this, and this alone, was the cause of his death."

However, the statement — authorised by the Prime Minister from his holiday home in France and checked by libel lawyers — went on to say that there remained serious allegations that Mr Graham had failed to live up to the standards expected of the PLP. "These allegations relate to verbal attacks on colleagues, unrelated to Gordon McMaster's death. I have concluded that there are serious grounds for investigation to establish whether there is any justification for any of these allegations.

"There have also been allegations that Mr Graham has worked with a known opponent of the Labour Party. I have also concluded that there are good reasons why these should be properly investigated. The whole affair has had the effect of bringing the party into disrepute and destabilising local politics in Renfrew.

"I do of course, make no presumption of guilt, but I have decided that, pending the outcome of the further investigation by the Labour Party which is necessary, it is appropriate that I should suspend Tommy Graham from membership of the PLP."

The "known opponent" mentioned was Paul Mack, the former deputy leader of Renfrew Council who was suspended by the Labour Party and is now an independent councillor. Mr Mack, who was also reportedly named in the suicide note, called his own press conference yesterday to "clear his name" and call for a judicial inquiry into local politics in Paisley.

He accused Irene Adams, the Paisley North MP and a close friend of Mr McMaster, for "selective leaking" of the suicide note and denied that he had been involved in smearing the former member for Paisley South. "That Gordon and I were political rivals and indulged in some fairly robust heated exchanges was no secret," he said. "What I had to say to Gordon I said to his face, what I wrote to Gordon I always signed.

"It's perniciously simplistic to suggest that there's some people wearing white hats and there's others wearing black hats. Mrs Adams, with indecent haste within hours of Gordon dying, was phoning the Press and telling them the contents of his letter." It was, he said, "the most degrading, cynical, scandalous piece of political opportunism".

Mr Graham's alleged links with Mr Mack are now to be the subject of a National Executive Committee investigation and Mr Sawyer said that there would also be a full membership check in Paisley South before a candidate was selected to fight the by-election — there had been claims of membership lists being packed with names to try to deselect Mr McMaster.

In the meantime, the Paisley North party would remain unconstituted — as it has been since 1995 when similar allegations were made about attempts to oust Mrs Adams.

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REGIS DUVIGNAU/REUTERS

The first grapes of 1997 being harvested in vineyards near Bordeaux. Hopes are high that the early start will provide rich pickings for wine producers

Early harvest points to a vintage '97

FROM BEN MACINTYRE AT CHATEAU HAUT-BRION, BORDEAUX

THE earliest wine harvest for more than a century got under way in Bordeaux this week, raising hopes that 1997 may prove to be one of the great vintages of modern times.

Fully five weeks before the usual start of the *vendanges*, a group of white Bordeaux wine producers in the Pessac-Leognan region sent workers into the scorching vineyard to begin picking grapes.

The earliest Bordeaux wine harvest on record began on August 15, 1893.

The exceptionally early start is due to a combination of climatic factors: a mild winter, a dry spring, a damp early summer and blazing sun for the last few weeks.

An early harvest is widely seen as the precursor to a bumper crop, since the grapes can be picked at their optimum ripeness and in easy conditions.

The white grape harvest now under way in Bordeaux is already being hailed as remarkable, but the all-important quality of the red wine will depend on whether the favourable weather holds until the end of the next fortnight, when the picking season for Bordeaux's most prestigious red wines starts in earnest.

If the sunshine continues, the 1997 vintage is likely to be as good if not better than the last two excellent years. If the weather breaks, bringing rain or humidity, then the grapes are likely to rot faster and the resulting juice may be diluted, destroying hopes for a prime vintage.

A sudden change could also cut back the volume of the harvest and raise prices. "It is always a gamble" observed Jean-Bernard Delmas, director of Château Haut-Brion, the winemaker which led the charge into the vineyards this week.

Châteaux names as Lafite-Rothschild, Pétrus and Margaux are likely to follow suit within a few days.

"The precocity of the harvest means this will be a legendary year," the burly and affable wine producer remarked staunchly as, with almost religious reverence, he watched the first tractor-loads of ripe grapes tumble into gleaming steel vats for crushing.

Such prestigious Pessac-Leognan châteaux as La Tour Martillac and Smith-Haut-Lafitte have also began their white grape harvests this week. The picking in Burgundy and champagne is similarly expected to make an early start, although only be a matter of days.

M Delmas struck an almost mystical note. "The great vintage of 1811 was marked by a comet. This year we had Hale-Bopp. It's just folklore but who knows, he observes devoutly, adding that the great wines of the 1940s were also the result of abnormally early harvests.

If the grape harvest is half as ripe as the adjectives already being bestowed on it, then 1997 will certainly prove a superb year both for the Bordeaux wine trade and also for British wine buffs, given the current strength of sterling against the French franc.

☐ Though 1893 wines were regarded at the time as exceptionally fine for the period, the prices obtained for them by the growers were very low because the harvest came in the middle of a profound slump (Robin Young writes).

Edmond Penning-Rowsell, the former chairman of the Wine Society, is one of the few Britons alive to have tasted wines of 1893. Mr Penning-Rowsell described the wine as having extraordinary deep colour and tasting surprisingly young and fruitily sweet in the 1970s.

"Five weeks early this year so it should be a marvellous vintage"

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British 'spy' trawler found

The British trawler *The Gaul*, which sank in 1974 with the loss of 36 lives, amid claims that it was involved in spying on the Soviet Union is thought to have been found ......Page 2

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Inmates' easier life 'sop to the IRA'

BY RICHARD FORD AND MARTIN FLETCHER

THE Government was accused last night of capitulating to the IRA after eight convicted terrorists and five men charged with terrorist offences were moved out of the most secure jail units in Britain.

They left the "prisons within prisons" at three top security jails after the Prison Service downgraded their security classification from Category A (exceptional risk) to Category (high risk).

It means they can have physical contact with visitors, use the chapel, library, football pitch, gymnasium, workshops and education facilities and mix with a wider range of fellow prisoners.

Among those no longer considered an "exceptional risk" are the six men each given 35 years last month after being convicted of a plot to bomb London's electricity supply and a man facing a double murder charge in connection with the London Docklands bombing in February, 1996.

The decision to lower the security classification, which means the 13 men will have an easier life in jail, was seen as a government response to Sinn Fein following the latest IRA ceasefire.

It provoked a furious response among Unionist politicians in Northern Ireland, who accused ministers of capitulating to IRA demands but was welcomed by Sinn Fein and the Irish Government.

John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, condemned the decision, saying: "I do believe the Government is beginning to act recklessly and seem not to be taking the advice of the police on issues of security because it seems to me that the police on both sides of the border remain concerned that there will be a return to IRA violence."

Ian Paisley junior, the Democratic Unionist Party's justice spokesman, said the IRA prisoners would be "penning letters of thanks to Home Secretary Jack Straw" and accused the Government of being "weak on terrorists".

He said the downgrading was the first step towards granting republican prisoners early releases.

Officially the move to downgrade the security categorisation was a prison service operational decision made by Phil Wheatley, director of the the country's top security jails.

A category A exceptional

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Smith: "I am proud of what I've done"

Michelle Smith finds gold again

MICHELLE SMITH, the triple Olympic gold medallist whose successes have been clouded by unproven drugs allegations, won her first European title in the 400 metres individual medley in Seville yesterday.

The Irish swimmer, who was promptly called for her third drug test in a week, declared: "I'm very proud of what I've done here. I am just going to enjoy the rest of the week." She did not, however, attend the winner's press conference and could be disciplined.

Britain won its first gold medal through Paul Palmer in the 200 metres freestyle .... Page 44

Greenpeace offered olive branch by BP

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE oil giant BP last night moved to defuse a bitter wrangle with Greenpeace by offering to suspend a £1.4 million court action against the group on condition that its members keep clear of BP's Atlantic oilfield.

The move comes after green activists in 70 countries yesterday pledged to mount a campaign to boycott BP filling stations and goods in protest at its legal action.

Greenpeace has claimed that it only has assets of £180,000 and that the BP suit would bankrupt it.

Yesterday an Edinburgh court granted BP an interim injunction banning Greenpeace Ltd, a ship's captain and two Greenpeace employees from carrying out further actions against BP in the Foinaven field west of Shetland. The field is 28 per cent owned by Shell and 72 per cent by BP.

Mr Richard Keen, QC, counsel for BP, told the court that Greenpeace was one of a number of groups which continually tried to prevent companies from legally drilling for oil.

He said: "There is a continual course of action carried on by, among others, Greenpeace Ltd, which has involved parties other than the present pursuers, who hold licences in the respect of the exploration for and exploitation of oil in the Atlantic, and also to prevent the pursuers and other parties from discharging their legal right to explore for and exploit mineral resources in these areas."

The court also ruled that Jon Castle, captain of a Greenpeace vessel, was in breach of an injunction not to interfere with BP's *Stena Dee* platform. It was occupied for a week by protesters until they were arrested on Sunday. Mr Castle faces a prison sentence or a fine.

A BP spokesman said: "BP's principal concern is not the recovery of damages. Rather, it is to ensure that its lawful operations are not interfered with and that safety is not compromised. BP has never questioned Greenpeace's right to campaign, but we do object to their employing unlawful tactics.

"BP offers to suspend its claim for damages against Greenpeace and its senior campaigners for so long as there is no further interference with BP's operations in the Atlantic frontier area."

Niki Kortvelyessy, speaker

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Judges say girls must not be sent to adult prisons

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

A GIRL of 16 won a High Court test case yesterday when a Home Office policy on dealing with young female offenders sentenced to detention was ruled unlawful.

Two High Court judges said it was wrong for the Prison Service to send females aged between 15 and 21 to an adult jail before deciding where they should serve their sentence. Mr Justice Sedley sitting with Mr Justice Astill are expected to give the reason for their decision later this week.

They were told that the girl, referred to only as F, had spent 15 days in Risley prison, in Cheshire, sharing cells with adult prisoners before being released on bail.

She has now been found a place at Styal woman's prison, one of seven jails with units for juveniles. The others are Brockhill at Redditch, Low Newton in Durham, Drake Hall in Staffordshire, Bullwood Hall in Essex, Eastwood Park in Gloucestershire and East Sutton Park at Maidstone.

The judges ruled that the girl should remain free until a correctly worded commital warrant naming Styal not Risley had been issued. She had been sentenced to eight months by Accrington Youth Court, Lancashire, on July 29 for robbery, assaulting a police officer, disorderly behaviour and other offences.

Her lawyers told the High Court judicial review hearing that the Home Office had a policy under which all girls were sent to one of five adult prisons for assessment and allocation to juvenile units.

Ian Wise, for the girl, said that under the 1982 Criminal Justice Act, the Home Secretary had the power to direct that "an offender" be detained in a prison or remand centre for a temporary purpose.

The use of the singular, he said, meant that this power should be exercised only in individual cases and in exceptional circumstances, whereas the practice was applied to all juvenile girls.

"This is contrasted with the practice in respect of young male prisoners who are sent directly to young offender institutions," Mr Wise said.

"There are, of course, no young offender institutions specifically for females, only female prisons which have been designated as having a dual purpose for adult and young offenders."

Between 60 and 80 girls under 18 were in custody at any one time. All of them started their sentences alongside adults. This was against the general principle that juvenile offenders must go, not to jail, but to young offender institutions with educational and training facilities to help them to prepare for their return to the community.

Robin Tam, for the Home Office, said the fact that all juvenile girls were sent initially to prison did not mean that their cases were not being individually considered. The prison authorities needed to assess each case to make a rational decision on placement. He admitted that if more juvenile places were available, assessment might not need to be carried out in prison.

There are no young offender institutions solely for young female offenders because there are so few teenage girl offenders in custody.

Ministers urged to pay student teachers as lure

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

THE Government is considering paying a salary to teacher-training students in an effort to solve the classroom recruitment crisis.

Officials at the Department for Education and Employment have discussed "backdating" part of a newly qualified teachers' pay, effectively giving them a wage in their final year of training.

No new money would be needed. The qualified salary rate of £14,280 would be split between the final year of training and the probationary year after qualifying, which the Government proposed in its education White Paper.

Students on the final year of a four-year undergraduate course, or on the year-long postgraduate course, would receive about £5,000. During their probation year, they would get nearly £10,000. Teaching unions are likely to press for a payment closer to the unqualified teacher level.

The payments are believed to be in addition to government plans for bursaries for trainee teachers to help to cover the annual £1,000 tuition fees that begin next year.

Salaries for student teachers will be formally proposed next month by the National Association of Head Teachers in evidence to teachers' independent pay review body. David Hart, general secretary of the association, said the Government had already accepted the principle of paying trainee teachers. Mr Hart said: "There are too many well-paid alternative professions. We need something radical that is going to attract them into training to be a teacher."

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GREENPEACE

A Greenpeace supporter during an anti-drilling protest on BP's *Stena Dee* oil rig

BP offers peace

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of the European Federation of Green Parties, said they were organising an international boycott of BP goods and services.

"The Green Party in Britain might not worry BP much. But like them we are an international body and wield considerable influence in many countries, in particular in Germany, the country that brought most pressure to bear on Shell during the *Brent Spar* episode."

In 1995 when Greenpeace mounted its campaign against Shell and its dumping of the *Brent Spar*. Shell's products were boycotted and some filling stations on the Continent were firebombed.

Uta Bellion of Friends of the Earth said yesterday that one of their reasons for backing Greenpeace was concern over the threat to non-violent protest if BP won its action. Tony Juniper, campaigns director at Friends of the Earth, said yesterday that the BP action could backfire and compared it to the so-called McLibel court case in which McDonald's successfully sued two campaigners for defamation. Although the food company won its case, some observers felt that it lost the public image war.

"It is a fine judgement whether you take the McDonald's route or you have a more constructive dialogue," Mr Juniper said.

The Greenpeace campaign against BP is part of a wider protest against exploration and drilling in the so-called Atlantic frontier.

Greenpeace reacted last night to BP's offer by describing it as a "climbdown". A spokesman for the group said that "BP appeared to want to negotiate when there was nothing to negotiate".

TUC to confront Blair on pay and rights

By Jill Sherman
Chief Political Correspondent

TRADE unions are preparing to confront the Government over employment rights, the minimum wage, and NHS privatisation next month. The TUC agenda for next month's annual congress, published today, includes a number of hostile resolutions calling for full rights for all workers from the first day of work, a £4.42 hourly minimum wage, and opposing private finance in the NHS.

The Government faces defeat on all three issues although behind-the-scene fixers are already trying to hatch compromises on critical motions to avoid embarrassing Tony Blair, who will address the Congress in Brighton next month, the first time a Labour Prime Minister has done so for nearly 20 years.

Insiders are trying to ensure the £4.42 figure disappears from the minimum wage motion, knowing that it is a higher sum than the Government will accept. TUC leaders were relaxed about a resolution by the National Union of Knitwear demanding a minimum wage related to "current industry pay arrangements." But that motion has now been amended by Unison, the public sector union, reaffirming the 1996 Congress commitment to "a statutory minimum wage based on the formula for half median earnings (which currently gives a figure of £4.42 an hour). The issue of employment rights is another area where trade unionists are prepared to fight.

Almost all the resolutions on workers rights call for full employment rights from day one for all workers instead of having to wait for two years. John Smith gave this commitment to the TUC when he was Labour leader, but it was overturned by Tony Blair and was not included in Labour's manifesto. Union leaders are confident that Government will move towards their position, although they expect both sides may compromise over one year. Ministers are awaiting a legal judgment from the European Court which is expected to propose employment rights within a year.

The Fire Brigades Union has put forward a motion which demands "that the clear commitment given by the then Labour leader, the late John Smith, to ensure that employment rights would apply to all workers from day one, whether they be part-time or temporary workers, be implemented.

Several resolutions have also been tabled opposing the Government's private finance initiative. Unions are worried that if private firms take over the building and management of NHS services, they cannot guarantee working conditions for their members. Unions are also concerned about reports that Mr Blair intends to delay the introduction of union recognition.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nubie: shot in street

Appeal for calm after drugs shooting

Police appealed for calm among the black community in the Handsworth area of Birmingham yesterday after a teenager was shot dead in the street. Joel Nubie, 18, was the victim of a gangland-style killing in which the killer rode up on a mountain bike and fired a single shot at point-blank range.

Mr Nubie, unemployed, had a conviction for possessing cocaine. It is believed to be the third drugs-related killing in recent weeks.

Spy base plan

The American National Security Agency is to go ahead with its plans to install more "golf ball" radomes at a signals intelligence listening station at Menwith Hill in North Yorkshire, despite concerns about the impact on a designated area of outstanding natural beauty.

Air fares hope

Manchester airport was yesterday ordered to cut its landing charges by up to 25 per cent in the next five years — a move which could lead to cheaper air fares. The ruling was made by the Civil Aviation Authority in response to criticism by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Alarming trip

A Suffolk family whose burglar alarm drove neighbours to distraction while they were away will be welcomed home by a £300 bill. After three nights the local council was called in and officials decided to break in to the house in Lavenham. The bill is for a locksmith and carptenter.

Lottery restraint

The introduction of the midweek National Lottery draw has not encouraged people to spend beyond their means, the lottery regulator Oflot said. Three quarters of households play weekly but those with the lowest incomes are least likely to play twice a week, the survey found.

Girls arrested

Three girls — one 11, the others 13 — have been arrested by police investigating a burglary in which a woman aged 83 suffered a five-hour ordeal, in which dye was poured over her. An 18-year-old man has also been arrested. All are from West London.

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risk inmate is one who is considered to "pose a danger to the public, the police or the security of the state" and who has links with organisations with the resources and ability to launch an armed attack on a top security jail.

A prison service spokesman said that Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Joyce Quin, the Prisons Minister, had been informed of Mr Wheatley's decision.

The spokesman added: "The move is based on a reduction in security risk and follows thorough assessment by the Prison Service in consultation with the police."

The decision also means that there is not a convicted IRA terrorist or person facing an Irish-related terrorist charge in one of the special secure units at Full Sutton jail near York, Belmarsh in Woolwich and Whitemoor near March in Cambridgeshire.

As a result of the decision thw Full Sutton unit is to be "mothballed" but the Prison Service said it could open immediately if required.

Last week the Irish Government resumed its programme of early releases for republican prisoners, freeing two men convicted on relatively minor charges.

Trawlers net wreckage thought to be 'spy ship'

By Arthur Leathley
Transport Correspondent

A BRITISH trawler which sank with the loss of 36 lives amid accusations that it was involved in spying on the Soviet Union is thought to have been found 60 miles off the Norwegian coast.

Two British trawlers fishing in the area last week netted what is believed to wreckage from *Gaul*, which vanished in 1974. A lifeboat cover was also found.

A Channel 4 film crew and a Norwegian broadcasting company hired a ship and diving crew to find the wreckage. Divers in a mini-submarine took nearly three hours to locate the wreckage 270 metres below the surface.

Video footage shot by the Norwegians is thought to show the name plate of the trawler, "Gaul, Hull". It is not yet known whether a salvage operation will go ahead.

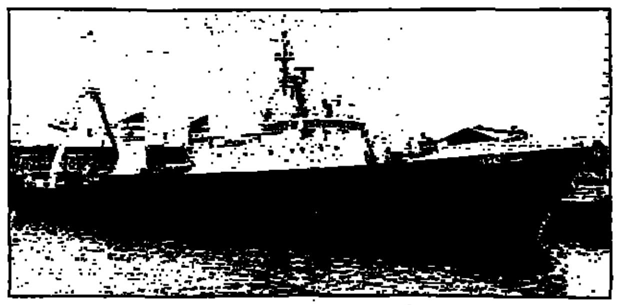
Relatives of the lost seamen accused the British authorities of covering up details of the sinking. It was claimed that a Soviet submarine was responsible for the tragedy. An inquiry dismissed relatives' claims that the ship was a disguised intelligence vessel, or that it had been seized by the Soviet Union.

However, many of the bereaved relatives continued to believe the boat did not sink accidentally. Some insisted their loved ones were being kept prisoner in Siberia, or that their remains had been buried in unmarked graves in the then Soviet Union. Their bitterness was intensified by the low level of compensation: after a legal wrangle, the 29 dependants of the dead shared a total of £16,000.

The Ministry of Defence has always insisted that the trawler was not involved in spying, although British fishing vessels are thought to have been used to take photographs of Soviet ship movements at the height of the Cold War in the 1950s and 1960s.

All but four of the 36 crew came from Hull. The other four were from the South Shields area of Tyneside.

Max Gold, a Hull solicitor who acts for some of the victims' relatives, said the discovery offered a glimmer of hope that they might one day be able to draw a line under the episode. Questions that could now be answered included why and how *Gaul* sank and what happened to the crew, as well as whether it was involved in gathering intelligence.



Gaul went down in 1974 with the loss of 36 lives

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Shocking? Not us, say artists as Academy issues health warning

Nude, limbless sex-dolls are not for faint-hearted as the 'boring' RA strives to create a show called Sensation. **Dalya Alberge reports**

FOR the first time in its 229-year history, the Royal Academy of Arts has felt obliged to display health warnings for anyone entering its latest show.

The faint-hearted will be alerted to the shocking nature of a sculpture featuring limbless, nude pre-pubescent girls with penises for noses and sex-doll orifices for mouths when it goes on display next month.

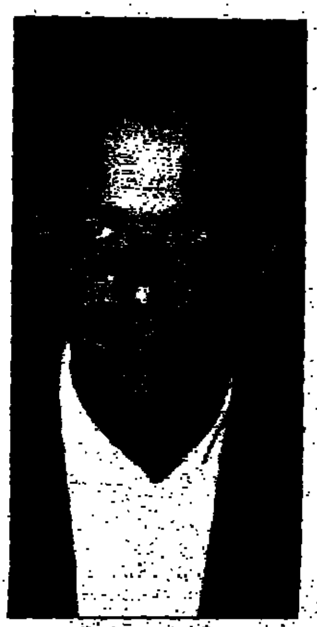
It is the work of the British brothers Dinos and Jake Chapman whose names have become synonymous with sensation and good prices in the world of contemporary art. They have said that they do not set out to shock and that their work "is based on a lot of intelligent conversation".

The RA show, titled *Sensation*, has already caused controversy because it will also include a portrait of the Moors murderess Myra Hindley — created from thousands of handprints of two children. Hindley and her victims' families are campaigning to have the picture removed. Reacting to the latest planned exhibit, Michael Reynolds, a member of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, said: "It's the RA's job to keep in with what's fashionable and academic but all this stuff is more old hat. Once again they are trying to be original, but being desperately boring."

The brothers' work, *Zygotic Acceleration Bio-genetic D-Sublimated Libidimal Model (Enlarged x 1,000)* could be the most controversial work ever shown at Burlington House, a far cry from the genteel Summer Exhibition or lavish Impressionist shows staged by the bastion of tradition.

It is likely to outrage, if reactions to its showing in a commercial London gallery in 1995 are anything to go by. The police decided to pay a visit, and the dealer Victoria Miro screened off her shop window. A Victoria Miro spokesman said that they fully expect these fibreglass mutant mannequins to cause "trouble" at the RA.

The brothers Chapman are among Britain's bright young things whose art is avidly purchased and vigorously promoted by Charles Saatchi, Britain's foremost collector of contemporary art. He is liaising closely with the Royal Academy in picking out works for the loan exhibition opening on September 18.


Saatchi: helping in choice of works

The Chapmans — like many of the artists collected by Mr Saatchi — are no strangers to controversy. One critic has said: "These boys make Damien Hirst look like the Angel Gabriel. Jake and Dinos Chapman specialise in the Art of the Repellent. Rotting cows are tame by comparison." Another has noted that they "revel in gore, mutilation and pre-teen sex".

Others hail them as masters, likening their depiction of horror to Goya's *Disasters of War*. Jake, born in Cheltenham in 1966, and Dinos, born in London in 1962, graduated from the Royal College of Art and have collaborated together since 1991. The police are among their regulars: they attracted the attention of the vice-squad last year with a pornographic film attacking an Italian dealer who had banned a pair of their mannequins with genitalia in strange places.

Their spokesman explained that they were so upset, they reworked the piece to feature a severed head of the dealer: they gave him a penis for a nose and featured it as a prop, a sex toy, in the movie which they made with professional porno actresses. He stressed that the Chapmans do not set out to shock.

Jake Chapman said that there are "any number of ways" to interpret their work. Seeing the mutant figures as "a genetic experiment that's gone wrong — or right" is one approach.

September is their month: apart from the RA show, they will be at the Victoria Miro Gallery, and in New York, at the Gagosian Gallery, which they are planning to convert into "a mass graveyard littered with skulls and overlooked by zygotic sculptural figures". Prices will range from £16,000 to £40,000.

The RA is undoubtedly expecting to cause a stir — if only in its choice of the show title *Sensation*.

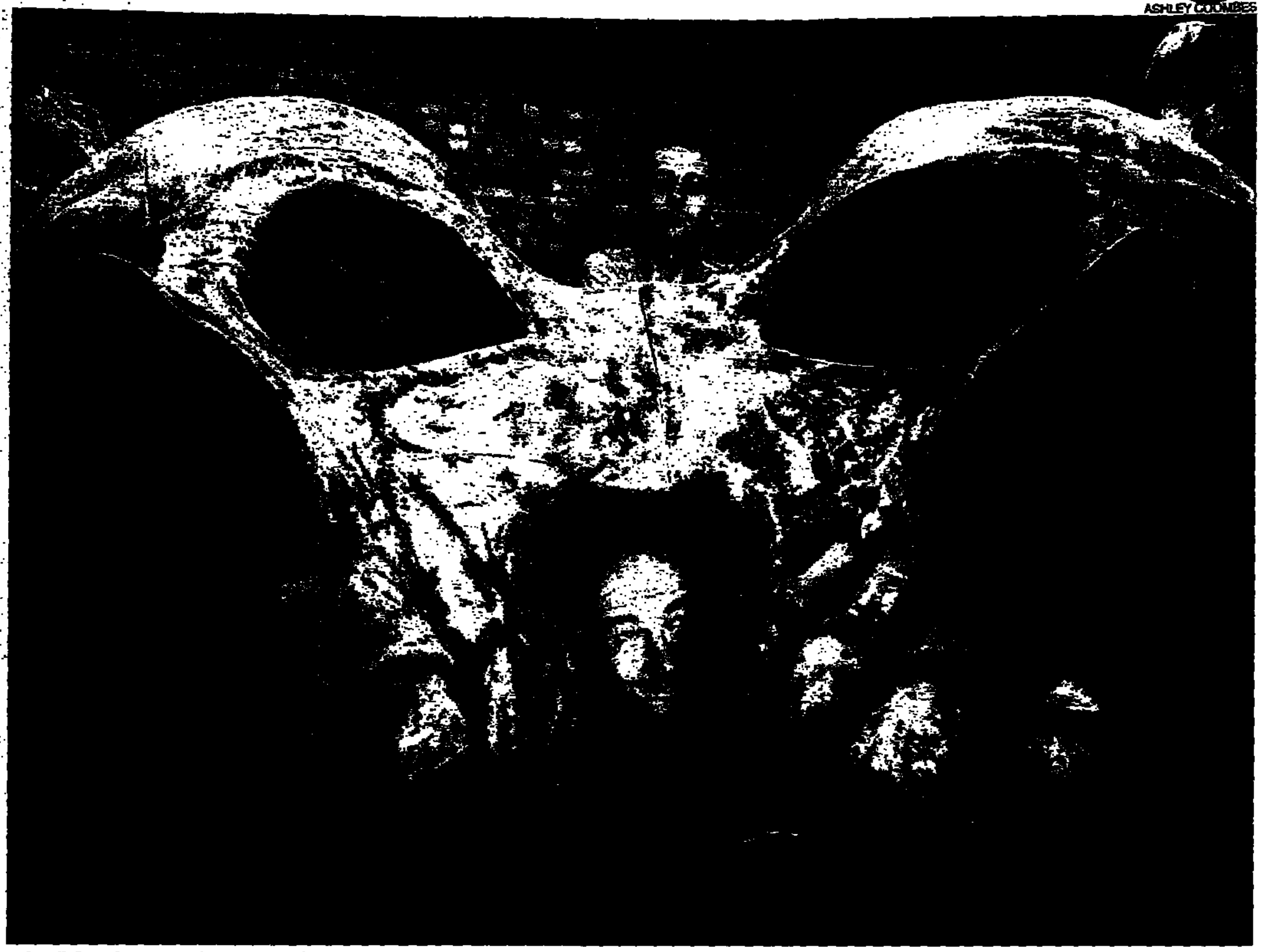
Philomena Davidson-Davis of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, expressed concern: "I do think museums and galleries such as the RA ought to think very carefully about the face it's presenting to the public — particularly as this is getting more and more offensive.

"We've got to draw the line somewhere and say stop."

A Royal Academy spokesman said: "There are a few works in the exhibition which may be shocking and the Royal Academy will be taking appropriate steps to alert visitors to these so they can use their own judgement as to whether they wish to see them or not.

"There will be a few works that will be shocking. But there are over 110 works by 40 artists and the Chapmans are only two on show." The brothers' last extensive exhibition was staged at the ICA last year. An ICA spokeswoman said yesterday: "We were very careful to make people aware before hand. We showed Westminster Council, for example. We showed them and established a legal situation. We also put a sign on the door of the gallery which said — Some visitors may find the content of this exhibition disturbing."

She noted that the ICA's audience is less shockable than the Royal Academy's.


ASHLEY COOMBES

Jake Chapman, below, and his brother Dinos with one of their sculptures: Their work "is based on a lot of intelligent conversation"

Passion for plastic lowers the gold standard

By Peter Foster

GOLD credit cards, which once guaranteed instant attention from hotel managers, Savile Row tailors and West End restaurateurs, are fast losing their shine.

Banks have taken to handing out such symbols of wealth and prestige to allcomers, according to a survey published yesterday.

The numbers of gold cards have more than trebled from 800,000 in 1993 to more than 2.5 million by the end of last year. Today more people own gold cards than draw the dole.

The chief culprits in this devaluation of the gold standard appear to be banks hoping to entice new customers by flattering them with the status once conferred only on the seriously wealthy.

William Elderkin, of the analysts Datamonitor who compiled the report, said banks were switching to the gold market in response to greater competition in the credit card business.

"The explosion in the number of gold cards is inevitably undermining their exclusivity," he said.

The minimum income for a gold card has been frozen by many issuers for the past four years. A salary of £20,000 is thought sufficient to be elligible. For some this may be thought dangerously close to the national average wage of £17,000.

While their poorer cousins enjoy the dubious kudos of elevation to the gold set, heavyweight spenders have graduated to Platinum or Premier cards which retain some last vestige of the influence wielded by the gold card in its early days.

The American Express platinum card is strictly by invitation only and the chosen few pay £375 a year for the privilege.

Asian employed white woman 'for the image'

By Kathryn Knight

AN ASIAN company director employed a white woman so that his business would present a positive multi-cultural image, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. But he forced her to resign because his Asian clients disliked taking orders from her.

Linda Johnson, a 45-year-old personnel manager, said Dhiren Doshi, head of Doshi Professional Services, told a colleague that in his culture she would "never be treated as an equal".

In a "calculated act" to widen the company's market, Mrs Johnson said she was asked to pose for a promotional brochure in a false role and ordered to appear in a video of a mock board meeting. In reality, her role on the board had gone to an Asian man, she told the tribunal in Croydon, south London.

Mrs Johnson, a mother of three who is claiming unfair dismissal due to racial and sexual discrimination, told the tribunal that she joined the company on a £25,000 salary in December 1995. She had previously worked in personnel at Harrods and at Alders of Croydon.

The company, based in Norbury, south London, was an umbrella firm covering a range of in-house services, including financial advice and wine distribution, given to clients for a monthly fee. Mrs Johnson said most of the clients were Asian, as were three quarters of the staff, but she was paid much less.

She said her Asian male peers were paid between £5,000 and £20,000 more than her, and drove Mercedes or Ford Mondeo company cars while she was given a secondhand Honda. She had also been denied access to a pension scheme and private health care, which was afforded to her Asian male colleagues.

In March 1996, Mrs Johnson said, she was demoted without reason. "I was told to report to a male Asian who had previously been considered as a fellow employee with equal status," she said. "I can only conclude that the way I was treated was because I was a white female."

She said she was forced to resign with a £3,500 pay-off, but this payment had been stopped when Mr Doshi heard she was making a claim to the tribunal.

Giving evidence to the tribunal, Mr Doshi denied racial and sexual discrimination and said Mrs Johnson had fabricated her claims to make money out of the firm. He claimed she had blackmailed him by threatening to take him to a tribunal unless he gave her up to £40,000.

The hearing continues.

Mr Dhoshi said at the tribunal that Mrs Johnson had fabricated her claims to make more money

Channel pallet man swamped with offers

By Stephen Farrell

THE Scotsman who tried to row the Channel on a wooden pallet yesterday reaped the first dividends of national attention.

After drying his clothes at his brother's home in Portsmouth, he received calls from Franklin Bath, "career outplacement" specialists, Harley Street dentist Lawrence Gaunt and the offer of a one-year season ticket from Sea France ferries.

The former Royal Signals lance corporal lost four of his front teeth, food, driving licence and photographs of his four children when he was nearly rammed by a tanker while paddling across the Channel. He attempted the crossing because he did not have enough money to buy a ferry ticket in Calais.

"It all sounds very promising. I went to a dentist in Portsmouth this morning and they said I would have to wait until the end of September on the NHS," he said. "I still feel pretty exhausted but I'm far more optimistic than I have been for the last few months."

Polo firm faces cruelty charge

By Lin Jenkins

A POLO company may be prosecuted over the death of two valuable thoroughbred horses.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is carrying out post-mortem examinations to confirm that the horses died from one of the most common forms of poisoning during the summer — eating ragwort.

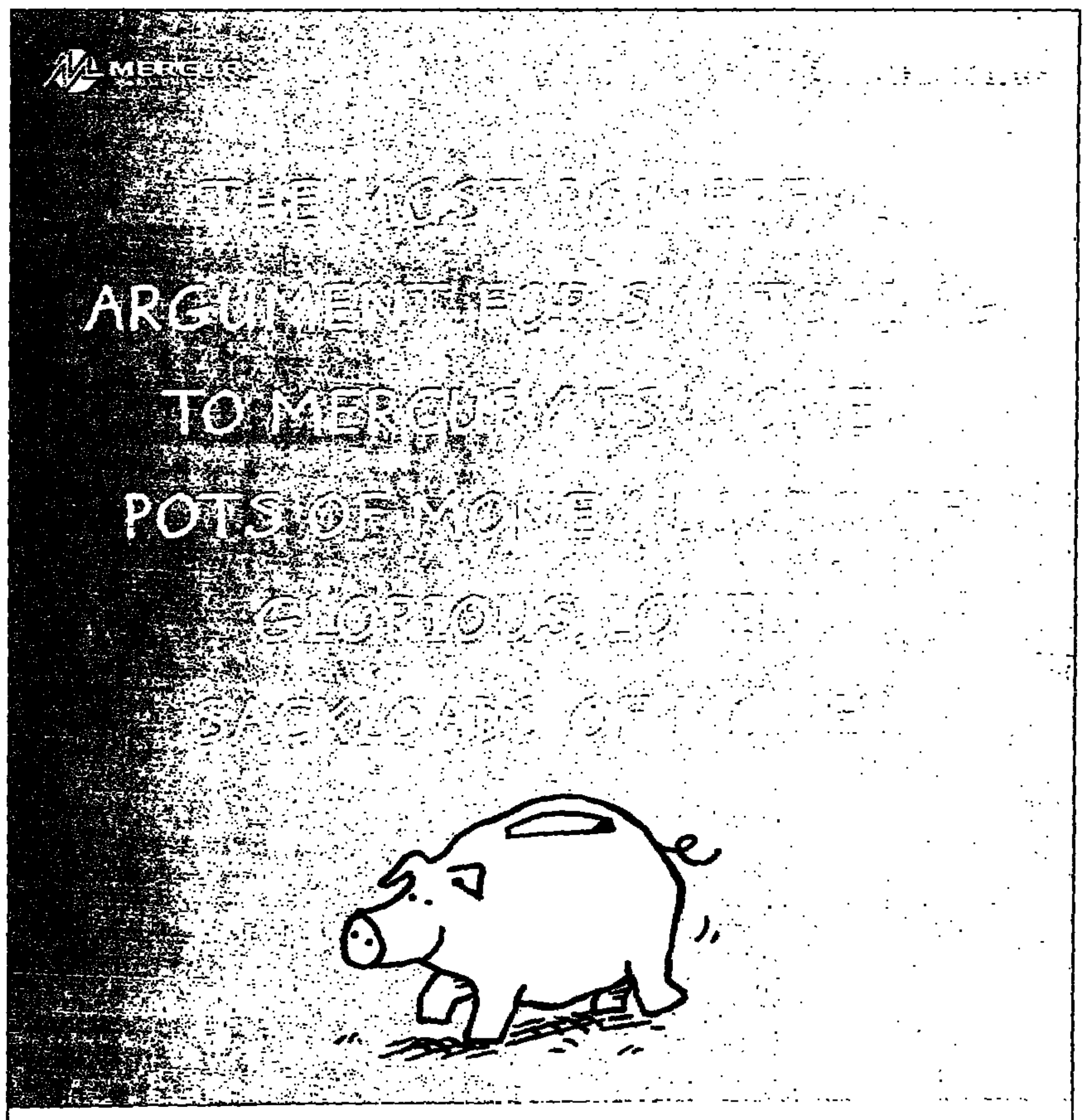
One of the animals, a teenaged gelding, was found lying dead against the barbed wire fence of a field in Lightwater, Surrey. Another, a mare aged about eight, was so ill it had to be put down immediately. Two other horses connected with Magna Carta Polo were taken from the field. They were staggering and disorientated in a manner associated with ragwort poisoning. Polo ponies can be worth from £4,000 to tens of thousands of pounds.

Police called in the RSPCA after they were alerted by a neighbour to the appalling state of the polo ponies in a field riddled with ragwort and bracken. Both are harmful to horses, and ragwort comes under the Injurious Plants Act, allowing the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to serve clearance notices. However, there are few instances of landowners being forced to get rid of it.

Martin O'Sullivan, an RSPCA inspector, said: "All animal owners have a duty to look after their animals and if one becomes ill or dies as a result of neglect, we will investigate."

The ownership of the horses has not been established, but all were connected with Magna Carta Polo of Windlesham, Surrey, run by John Horswell, an Old Etonian and respected polo player. Mr Horswell, 43, said that his staff always made sure that the fields were free of ragwort. "It is bracken poisoning. Some horses get a taste for it. There is nothing you can do about bracken, it is endemic to this area."

Buff Crisp, secretary of the Hurlingham Polo Association, said that the welfare of ponies was taken extremely seriously by those running the sport. "We have a welfare officer in every club in the country and take the abuse of ponies as a very serious offence. We are unaware of this incident but will be asking the RSPCA for the details." He said that Mr Horswell was a respected member of the polo scene. "He does an awful lot to help the youngsters."



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Nurses in Saudi case suffer over 'guilty' rumours

By Michael Theodoulou and Daniel McGrory

THE two British nurses accused of murdering an Australian colleague in Saudi Arabia are said to be close to mental collapse as they plead with the authorities to deliver a verdict after reports that they have been found guilty.

Rumours that they have been convicted have reached Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan in their stifling and crowded cell. British consular officials will visit the two in the Dammam central prison today and are pressing the Saudis to allow a British doctor to examine the women in an effort to have them moved to better conditions.

Jonathan Ashbee, brother-in-law of Ms Parry, said: "These women cannot take much more. We are in the dark, the Foreign Office has been unable to discover what happens next, but the mental torture for the two of them is quite intolerable."

The Saudi authorities maintained their protracted silence yesterday about whether their case had been referred to a higher court for sentence. Speculation in Saudi Arabia is that the womens' case has been passed to the Court of Cessation.

Mr Ashbee said: "Our lawyers say this could mean the judge has referred it because the decision is outside his remit, or they are deciding whether their forced confessions should be allowed. At worst, it means that court will pass sentence."

Both women have denied murdering Yvonne Gilford, a staff nurse stabbed 17 times in her bedroom, in the hospital complex where they all worked.

Ms Parry, 38, from Alton, Hampshire, is already receiving psychiatric treatment and Ms McLauchlan, 31, of Dundee, is weak with sickness and diarrhoea. Both are said to be unable to sleep for fear of being beheaded if found guilty.

The Foreign Office said last night: "The Saudis have not told us anything, but we are making frequent and urgent inquiries."

STUART OUTTERSIDE

Veterans Geoff Larkin and Len Berry sitting astride a Mark I in front of the larger Mark II at the the Teesside Training and Enterprise Council near Middlesbrough

Salute to courage of human torpedo

Exhibition of last missile recalls their vital role in helping to destroy might of Hitler's navy

Navy frogmen preparing for a torpedo attack. The crews volunteered for dangerous missions

A RESTORED Second World War human torpedo went on show to the public for the first time yesterday.

The battery-powered Mark II. — a missile packed with explosives and two frogmen — is the only one of its kind. It was discovered at Portsmouth docks by Robert Hobson, whose father, Lieutenant-Commander Robert Hobson, helped to develop the missile and took part in several missions.

The Mark II is on display at the Teesside Training and Enterprise Council near Middlesbrough, where it was restored. There is also a model of a Mark I.

Both torpedos were submarine-launched, but in the Mark I version the crewmen sat atride the torpedo as it was fired. In the Mark II they were inside the missile, with their heads sticking out, to make it more streamlined.

Once they reached their target ship the nose of the torpedo, containing the explosive charge, was released and attached like a limpet mine. The men would then beat a hasty retreat with the remainder of their craft.

The pilots were equipped with screw-on helmets and gas masks. The primitive oxygen cyclinders had to be self-contained to prevent telltale bubbles escaping.

The torpedoes could reach a speed of eight knots and helped to destroy more than 250,000 tonnes of enemy shipping. They also gained vital intelligence on enemy positions and delivered spies behind enemy lines.

The restored Mark II is a testimony to the perseverance of Mr Hobson, who first became aware of the story of the human torpedoes when clearing out his late father's house. Through personal papers, Mr Hobson tracked down two other torpedo pilots, Lieutenant-Commander Geoff Larkin and Petty Officer Len Berey, and four years ago unearthed the remains of the last torpedo.

Mr Larkin and Mr Berey were at yesterday's unveiling. "They asked for volunteers for special and hazardous missions," said Mr Larkin, 79. "I was in America at the time and volunteered principally so I could return to England and get married. I soon realised why they had the saying 'Never volunteer for anything.'"

Mr Berey, 83, said: "It is great to see one of these back in business, it is right that their place in history is recorded."

Mr Hobson, who has established the Chariots Trust aimed at preserving submarine history and hopes to set up a museum to display naval artefacts, said: "I am a little sad that I never got to speak with my father about his missions, but that was the way of these men — they never spoke of their bravery.

"Finally there is something which displays what these men did. You only have to look at this contraption to recognise the bravery of the men who operated them."

One of the missiles being readied for launch

□ The last surviving Royal Navy destroyer from the Second World War, *HMS Cavalier* is being sold by South Tyneside council to a Malaysian firm to become part of a museum.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cut-price 'green' fridge for the poor

Up to 50,000 eco-friendly fridges, priced at £25 rather than £120, are to be offered to low-income households as part of a government scheme to increase the uptake of energy-efficient devices. The units do not contain CFCs, the coolants that damage the ozone layer. Alex Goodwin, of the Energy Saving Trust, which is backed by the Environment Department and the electricity companies, said the fridges could also reduce risks of food poisoning among the infirm and elderly.

Silent Fashanu

John Fashanu, the former footballer cleared of match-fixing, defended his decision to remain silent at his trial. He told *Hello!*: "Because I wasn't guilty of anything, I felt no need to say anything." He declined to say why he opened a bank account in someone else's name and why money was supposedly paid into other people's accounts on his behalf. "It's private, but entirely legitimate," he said.

Tax clamp

Ten vehicles were clamped in London streets as patrols began a campaign against road-tax evasion. The owners must produce a valid tax disc and pay £68 to have the clamp removed. Vehicles are towed away after a day and the penalties increase until, after five weeks, unclaimed vehicles are crushed or sold. Road-tax evasion is costing the nation £175 million a year in lost funds.

PC jailed

PC John Walters, 33, of Peckham police station, south London, was jailed for three months for assault. He repeatedly beat, with his truncheon, a 19-year-old man who had sworn at him and hurled a brick to the ground. Eric Edwards had previous convictions that included threatening to kill a policeman. The judge said that nevertheless "the law has to be seen to be even-handed".

Boys cleared

Three boys aged 11, 15 and 16 were cleared by magistrates of burning down two adjoining schools in Plymouth after the prosecution offered no evidence. A solicitor representing one of the boys said after the hearing at the city's youth court: "It was a rush to justice. They got the wrong three." Leigham junior and infant schools, which were destroyed in April, will cost £2.4 million to rebuild.

Sea safety move

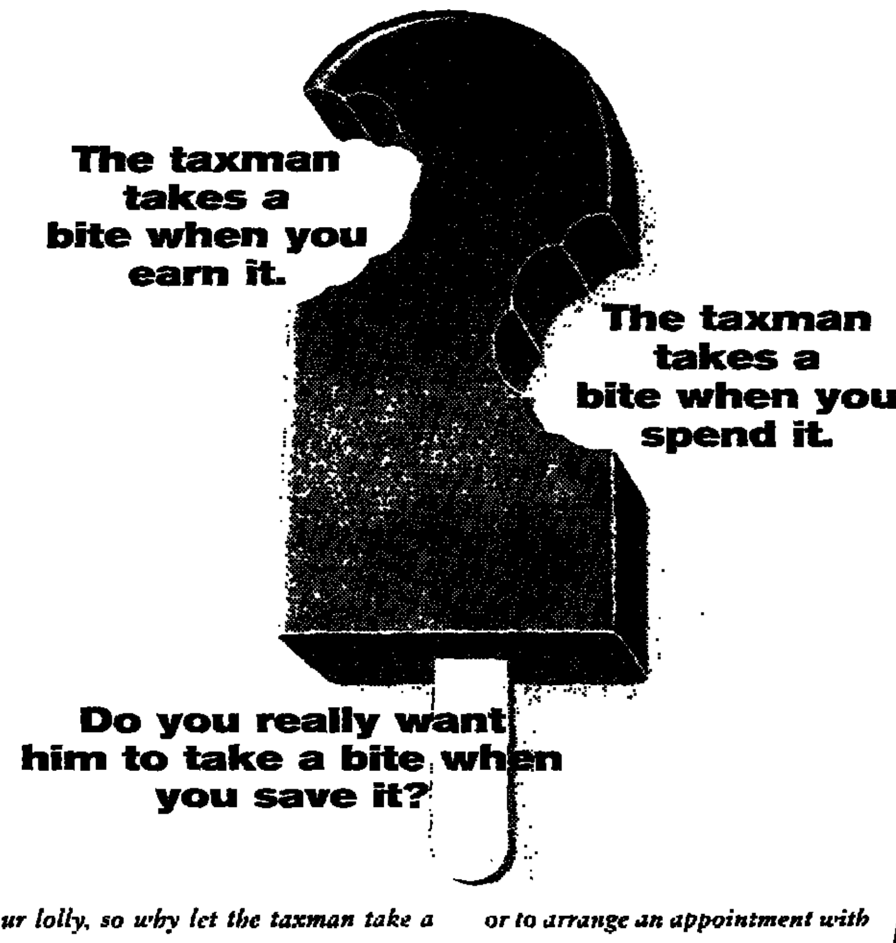
The Coastguard Agency and the Marine Safety Agency are to be merged next April to give better marine safety and environment protection, the Government said. There could be about 15 job losses among administrative staff, but none is likely to be from redundancy. About £500,000 could be saved, but Glenda Jackson, junior Transport Minister, said that was not the main reason for the merger.

Short-changed

Sixteen million bank customers out of the 61 million with current accounts receive no interest on credit balances, according to a report commissioned by the Abbey National. Two thirds of the 12.5 million who are paid interest want higher returns for bigger balances. Nearly half of those questioned, representing eight million accounts, were being charged between £5 and £10 a month for being overdrawn.

Bird beats record

An attempt to set a British land-speed record failed when a bird was sucked into the engine of the jet-powered vehicle. Colin Fallows averaged 248.27mph over the quarter-mile run at Elvington, near York. His car is 29ft long and powered by a Rolls-Royce jet engine taken from an RAF Gnat aircraft. Mr Fallows, 47, said he would make another attempt on the 259mph record, set 17 years ago.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Pet-food poultry is sold to shops in £3m fraud

By Russell Jenkins

ENVIRONMENTAL health officers believe they have uncovered a nationwide conspiracy by rogue meat dealers to pass off hundreds of tons of condemned poultry as fit for human consumption.

A team of officers from Rotherham council in south Yorkshire launched an investigation last year into the alleged illegal trade, worth £3 million, in chicken and turkey breasts that were sent to rendering plants to be turned into pet food. They believe that more than 1,440 tons of tainted meat may have been illegally reclaimed and found its way via companies in Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Sussex on to shop shelves.

The meat is said to have passed through a number of middlemen and retailers before reaching the shops. The council said that the supermarket chain Kwik Save is believed to have unwittingly stocked the meat through franchisees or suppliers.

The meat involved is that from animals which may have died on farms or on the way to slaughter. The corpses are categorised as "dead on arrival" for pet food only. However, the carcasses were plundered to retrieve prime cuts for human consumption. Chicken costing 2p a pound as offal at the beginning of the meat-laundering process could attract prices of about £1.20 a pound in the shops.

The investigation has resulted in 17 meat dealers being charged with conpiracy to defraud and conspiracy to sell unfit food. Another 20 butchers will face prosecution on charges related to the receipt and sale of the meat.

A spokesman for Kwik Save said that fresh meat sections of their stores were all run by independent concessions in accordance with stringent company guidelines. "While it is the responsibility of the manager of each concession to adhere to these guidelines, regular checks are made by Kwik Save to ensure that quality and hygiene standards are maintained. Should standards at any time be compromised, Kwik Save would take immediate remedial action."

The British Poultry Meat Federation, which represents the turkey and chicken industry, said it was appalled at the revelations. Peter Bradnock, the chief executive, said: "The poultry industry obeyed the laws and condemned these carcasses in the processing plant. I am horrified that carcasses sent to an outside company for rendering as pet food have found their way back into the human food chain. It is illegal and cannot be condoned. Fortunately it is an isolated incident, but extremely serious."

German police are expected to make an arrest soon after 60 tonnes of British beef were exported to Hamburg with false Irish documents to avoid the European Union's anti-BSE embargo. Authorities in France and Brussels spotted the fraud. Other investigations are being carried out into 1,600 tonnes of beef exported to Europe with false Belgian documents.

Parents see red over fourth new United kit this year

By Richard Duce

A PLEA for cheaper children's replica football shirts was made yesterday after Manchester United decided to launch its fourth team strip this season.

United, the most commercially successful club in the world, is to launch the strip for the side to wear in the Champions' League. Should the club fail to progress in the competition the strip, retailing at £40, may be worn only six times.

Sheila Spiers, the vice-chairman of the Football Supporters' Association, said yesterday: "Manchester United is certainly exploiting the market. It would not be so bad if children's sizes were much cheaper."

News of a fourth strip was not greeted warmly by parents whose children support Manchester United. James Beaumont, of Sale, whose son, Marcus, eight, is a keen United fan, said: "We've drawn the line: one shirt each year."

Maxwell Brown, 11, from Ashton, in Lancashire, said: "If they are not careful, kids like me are really going to lose faith in the team. We just can't afford to keep up. I've been earning a little extra by doing the dishes for my mum, so if I keep it up maybe I'll have enough to buy the shirt. Then again, by the time I've saved up there'll probably be another one out."

The replica football kit industry is worth £200 million. Umbro, which makes Manchester United's shirts in an £11 million deal, said: "Rather than exploiting fans, we are giving them an opportunity to commemorate United's appearance in the most important European competition."

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Record sales keep Britain cool

If your loved one is blowing hot and cold, blame it on the heat and join the queues for a fan or an ice-cream, reports **Emma Wilkins**

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RECORD purchases of ice-cream, electric fans and air-conditioning units are helping Britain to cope with what could be the hottest August for 300 years.

The hottest places yesterday were Heathrow and Birmingham, where the temperature reached 31C (88F). But thunderstorms brought cooler temperatures and flooding in the West, including Swindon where parts of the town centre were under 3ft of water. Fair Isle had the lowest temperature of 16C (61F).

The high humidity is putting strain on relationships already tested by the school holidays, according to Relate, the marriage guidance organisation. "Summer holidays can be a stressful time for couples," Julia Cole, a spokeswoman, said. "Spending time with the family can magnify problems. The hot weather makes this worse: because people are stressed out they are less likely to be patient and more likely to snap at their partner."

Working late may no longer be a sign of a conscientious employee: air-conditioned offices are an attractive prospect compared with a sticky journey on public transport to a home filled with fractious partners and children.

Sales of desk fans have hit record levels, according to retailers. B&Q reported sales of 17,000 fans over the weekend in its 283 branches. At one branch of the hardware chain Robert Dyas in the City of London, 181 desk fans were sold last week. Air-conditioning at home remains a luxury enjoyed by only the wealthy, with a full air-conditioning system for a large four-bedroomed home costing from £20,000 to install. Mobile units can be bought for less than £1,000 from DIY and hardware stores, but they cool only one room at a time.

The National House Builders' Federation, which represents 80 per cent of homebuilders, said air-conditioning was not fitted as standard in any new homes. However, the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Assocation reported a growing interest in domestic air-conditioning. "People such as managing directors, who have air-conditioning in their offices and their cars, are increasingly expecting to have it in their homes," a spokesman said. "People's expectations are rising: they want to know why they shouldn't feel more comfortable at home."

Lonex Ltd, a heating systems company based in Hampstead, northwest London, said inquiries about domestic air-conditioning had risen since last summer. Roland Perring, the managing director, said his clients were generally rich and successful business people.

"We are getting more and more inquiries from customers but they tend to be people who live in the more flash properties in Hampstead," he said. "In the whole of last year we fitted three houses with air-conditioning and this year we have already done two. It would cost in excess of £20,000 for a full system in a big Hampstead home.

"Air-conditioning is still regarded as a nice extra luxury. My office is air-conditioned and I've had it in my car for years. This year, I must admit, I have actually thought about putting it in my home for the first time."

Hamptons, the estate agent which is selling a development of 14 £295,000 flats in Fulham, southwest London, said air-conditioning was not fitted as standard in new properties. Apartments at The Square, in Parsons Green Lane, have beech floors, special dimmer-light systems, double-glazing and video entryphone — but not the cool air so vital in the summer. "A lot of American clients think it is a great shame that the new flats don't have air-conditioning," Zoe Goddard, of Hamptons, said.

"The demand is there for it, but it's still very rare to find it even in newly built flats. People who work in air-conditioned offices really miss it at home. I have gone out and bought myself a unit for my flat for £2,000 — it's wonderful," she added.

Some respite from the discomfort is expected for people living in the West, with cooler weather forecast for the next few days. But temperatures in London and the South are expected to remain high until the weekend at least, according to London Weather Centre. A spokesman said that if the present temperatures continued, it would be the hottest August since records began in 1659.

Manchester had a more pleasant temperature of 29C (84F) while south coast resorts, which were cooled by sea breezes, experienced temperatures of between 24C and 27C (75F to 81F).

Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales were also enjoying their share of the sunshine with the mercury hitting 28C in Glasgow, 25C in Belfast and 26C in Cardiff.

Ice-cream sellers were celebrating the hot weather after a "painful" June. Increased demand in August looks set to push sales up to a record £200 million this year compared with £120 million last year, according to the Ice-Cream Alliance.

Pets may turn on owners, police say

By Michael Hornsby

PET owners have been warned by police that the hot weather can make animals bad-tempered after a small girl was attacked by her family's new dog.

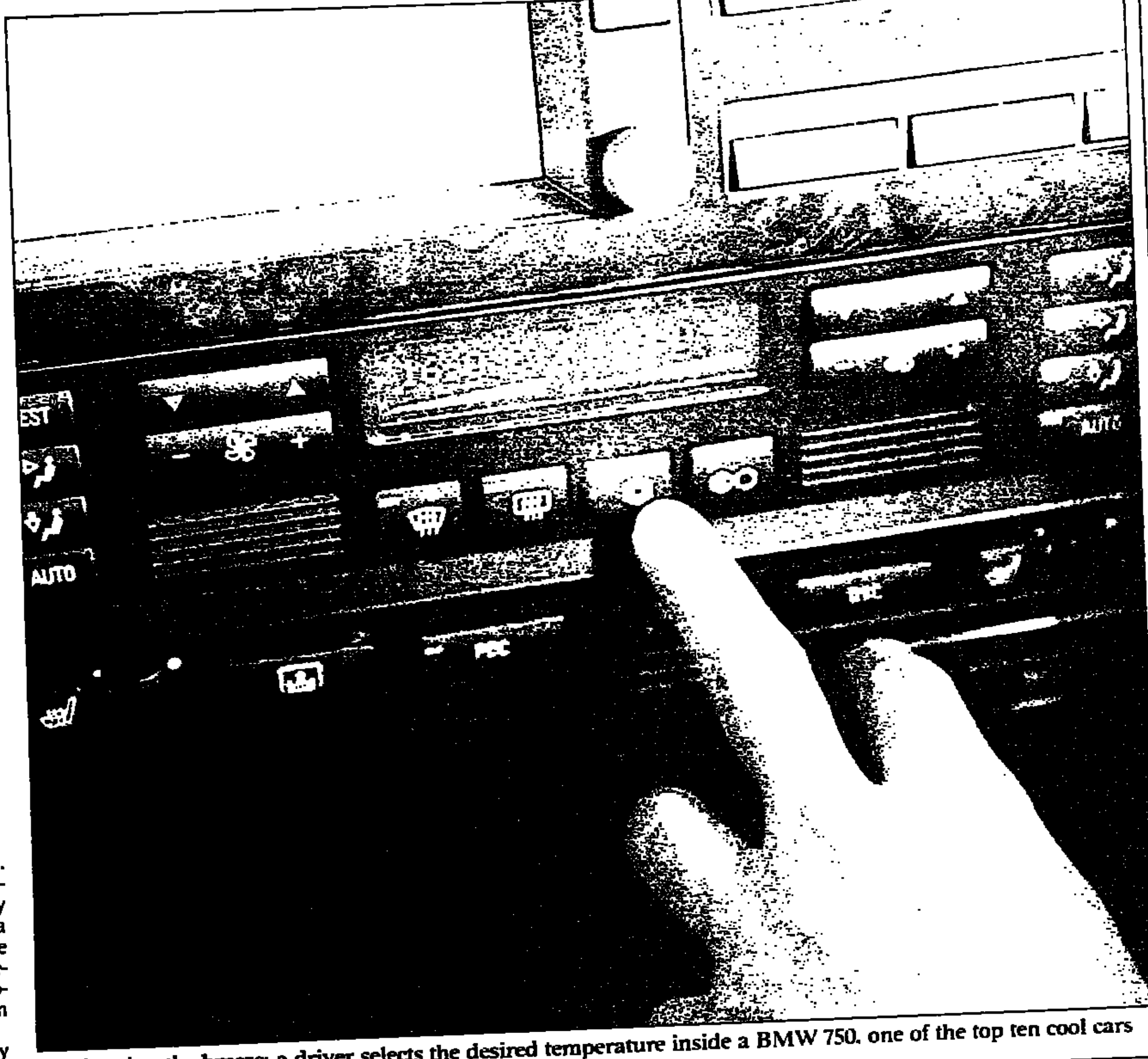
Lucy Jones, 4, was recovering in Booth Hall Children's Hospital in Manchester yesterday after emergency plastic surgery to her face. The year-old springer spaniel is likely to be put down.

The attack took place on Monday while Lucy was staying with her grandparents in Eccles. The dog had been bought the day before from a local breeder and was said to have been placid.

Chief Inspector John Carling, of Greater Manchester Police, said: "It is alway a risk to leave young children with animals, but particularly when the pet is new. The hot weather affects animals like it does people and they may be more likely to attack than when it is cooler."

Drivers burn their fingers in fight to beat the heat

Air-conditioning is fast replacing sunroofs as the essential summer car extra, but systems that deal with the heat do not come cheap, say **Kevin Eason** and **Adrian Lee**



Shooting the breeze: a driver selects the desired temperature inside a BMW 750, one of the top ten cool cars

MOTORISTS who want a respite from the heatwave will find that the ten coolest cars on the market are also among the most expensive.

Sales of cars with air-conditioning have risen fivefold in the past year with manufacturers such as Nissan and Vauxhall basing advertising campaigns on cooling equipment, now displacing the sunroof as Britain's favourite motoring accessory.

Although carmakers are dashing to sell air-conditioning either as an extra or as standard equipment, Lease Plan, one of Europe's biggest company car providers, said yesterday that motorists had to pay top prices for systems best able to combat the sweltering heat.

It rated the Mercedes S600 as the car to keep cool in this summer — at a price of more than £100,000. Only one model in its top ten — the Renault Megane Scenic — is below £18,000, with the rest in the luxury or executive class.

Steve Dunn, Lease Plan's commercial director, said: "Britain is still behind the times slightly on air-conditioning.

"The concept is in its infancy in this country, where we have only recently started to have these hot summers, unlike the United States where cars have had air-con for years and the need for maintenance and service is understood.

"The quality of air-conditioning varies enormously and there is no doubt the best systems are usually on the most expensive cars."

Drivers who hire cars at holiday destinations such as Florida are often taken aback at the contrast between air-conditioning in American models, which blasts a freezing gale into the passenger cabin almost as soon as the ignition key is turned, compared with the tepid air which leaks from the vents of cars at home. British buyers have traditionally been put off air-conditioning because it needs engine power to drive the refrigeration system, often leading to a marked increase in fuel consumption, particularly in small-engined models.

When air-conditioning systems were fitted to Hillman Hunters for sale in the Middle East 20 years ago, they demanded so much power that the car's top speed dropped by about 20mph.

Air-conditioning was once considered a luxury; in 1990, only a quarter of models were fitted with it. Today, almost half of new cars have it and that figure will rise to two thirds by 2000.

Carmakers now test their air-conditioning equipment in the Arizona desert, where temperatures can reach 50C.

Al Clarke, spokesman for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, says air-conditioning is the new status symbol. "In London, particularly, it has become a style thing.

"Motorists with air-conditioning take great delight in sitting at the lights with their windows closed, watching drivers without air-conditioning sweltering and breathing in fumes."

The best systems, costing more than £1,500, are fully automatic and rely on sensors on the passenger and driver sides of the cars. The driver selects the desired temperature with the press of a button and chilled air is pumped to the front and back of the car. Cheaper, semi-automatic systems, work in a similar way but the temperature is set by a dial on the dashboard. Those basic systems can cost between £400 and £1,000, pumping out chilled air from dashboard vents.

However, they are unlikely to be able to cope with the sort of extreme temperatures which have baked Britain for the past month.

Peter Rawlinson at Chrysler, whose Jeep Grand Cherokee is in the top ten, said: "In the States, people won't buy a car without air-conditioning. The British were more reluctant to embrace air-conditioning but that is changing."

The marketing men appear to be winning the struggle to convince the British car buyer that air-conditioning is a benefit all year. It prevents misting and, with the windows shut, the driver can hear the radio.

As yet, no one has officially tested the different units available in Britain but there was admiration for Audi's solar panel system.

At a cost of more than £1,500 — plus a minimum of £35,000 for the car — it pumps fresh air into the car when it is parked, allowing the air-conditioning to chill the car more efficiently when the engine is switched on.

Air-conditioning in Ford, Nissan, Toyota and Chrysler's middle-market cars was also rated highly by their rivals. Nissan, makers of the Almera, offers air-conditioning as standard in its middle-market cars.

Vauxhall based a summer television advertising campaign for the Vectra on its air-conditioning. "That is now one of the most important features," Michael Imeson, a company spokesman, said.

Vauxhall has sold 35,000 cars with air-conditioning this month. It comes as standard in the Vectra Arctic, which costs £13,865.

However, the company is still inundated with requests to have both a sunroof and air-conditioning. "That is pointless," Mr Imeson said. The peculiar British obsession with the sunroof is, it seems, cooling.

Alan Pulham, of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, said: "Sunroofs are noisy, they leak.

"They are very strange things that grew up in this country when the fleet driver wanted the maximum number of visible extras so his car stood out in the street.

"You can now get a very good air-conditioning system in a car costing less than £15,000."

THE TOP TEN COOLEST CARS IN BRITAIN

1. Mercedes S600	Price: £102,490	Super luxurious limousine with double glazing and a climate control system among the most powerful of any car in the world
2. BMW 7-series	Price: £36,915 to £73,455	One of the most sought-after executive cars which BMW boasts has as much computer power on board as the Space Shuttle
3. Volvo V70	Price: £18,970 to £28,720	Re-designed by Englishman Peter Horbury, the sleeker Volvos offer creature comforts as well as traditional ruggedness
4. Audi A8	Price: £35,505 to £54,418	Sleek high-tech BMW challenger with all aluminium body and new solar powered air-con system to keep the car cool while the driver is away
5. Lexus LS400	Price: £46,699	The Japanese car (made by Toyota) which challenges the Mercedes for technical proficiency. Air-con system similar to that in Jaguar and Nissans
6. Audi A6	[illegible]	Just launched in Britain as a challenger in the BMW 3-series sector, with radical new designs and high equipment levels, including standard air-con
7. Jeep Grand Cherokee	[illegible]	Big, brash challenger to Range Rover which brings USA-cooling power to Britain, generated via a meaty range of engines, from 2.5 to 5-litres
8. BMW 5-series	[illegible]	Acknowledged by many pundits as the best car in the world, packed with high-technology, with easy-to-see dashboard including sophisticated air-con system
9. Vauxhall Omega	[illegible]	Executive cruisers much favoured by travelling senior managers who need to keep cool on the motorway between important appointments
10. Renault Megane Scenic	[illegible]	Europe's Car of the Year which combines practicality with comfort, emphasising systems such as air-conditioning which keep the family cool on holiday trips

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Cycle wheels turned a leisure revolution

The advent of the train and the bike brought a new freedom that helped urban masses to escape the drudgery of the working week, writes **Damian Whitworth**

BEFORE Victoria's ascent to the throne, leisure time was rare for those at the bottom of the pile: drudgery was punctuated occasionally by religious festivals and drunken release in the gin shop. But the nation's rising prosperity bought spare time for many more of the population.

In part, the change was prompted by altruistic reformers, but there was also a commercial element: a happy and properly rested workforce was a productive workforce. That is not to say that life was easy. For the new industrial working class, hours were still long and conditions often harsh. But Factory Acts in the 1840s and 1850s reduced the length of the working day and many people were given a half day off on Saturday in addition to Sunday.

There were further cuts in the working day in the 1870s and the Prince of Wales set an example when he became more flexible about forgoing revelry on the sabbath, and threw parties on Sunday evenings. The many thousands living cramped together in urban environments created a boom in public entertainment, with drama, opera and ballet flourishing in grand new theatres, and the music hall drawing huge crowds.

Perhaps the biggest change in the way that the population spent its free time was the stampede to escape the towns. The advent of the railway gave birth to the day trip and the extended holiday. Resorts sprang up all around the coast at the end of railway lines.

Queen Victoria possibly did more than any other individual to create the British tourist industry. Her trip to the west of Scotland in 1847, for example, inaugurated the holiday industry in the area. Her sojourns at Osborne House began a tradition of royal promotion of the Isle of Wight, which continues today with the Royal Family's annual visits to the Cowes regatta.

The railway was not the only way to explore the countryside. Cycling quickly gained popularity once a model had been created that did not threaten serious injury to both rider and pedestrians.

Initially the adventure of the bicycle lay not in the new vistas that could be explored but in managing to stay in the saddle. After unsuccessful predecessors such as the pedalless hobby horse, the boneshaker was invented in 1868. This had wooden wheels and iron tyres, and the pedals that made it the ancestor of the modern bike. It did not have a chain, however, and the pedals were attached to the front wheel, which made descending hills particularly hazardous. The boneshaker was followed by the ordinary, better known as the penny-farthing, which required the rider to sit a perilous 5ft above the ground while weaving along the highway.

The first modern-looking machine was Mr Stanley's Safety Bicycle, produced by Rover from 1885. It had wheels of equal size, pedals and a chain. When Dunlop introduced pneumatic tyres in 1888, the success of bicycles was assured.

Cycling clubs sprang up across the land, with groups taking to roads that motor cars had yet to turn into dust-tracks.

By the late 1880s, cycling had become modish among women, after a revoluton in undergarments that had been partly inspired by the desire to pedal with modesty intact. Thick petticoats were ousted by knickers. The latter were, at first, long and frilly so that if a glimpse of them were caught they might be mistaken for petticoats. The freedom of movement they afforded made them an important contribution to women's emancipation.

For those without the time, inclination or financial ability to escape the towns and cities, the creation of public parks provided open spaces for recreation. Association football and rugby gained mass appeal and W.G. Grace's cricketing success made him a national hero. These sporting pastimes were almost exclusively for men, however. The suburban middle classes sought entertainment to amuse both men and women. This was found in tennis, for which rules were laid down by a committee of the MCC in 1875, and in croquet.

Both games could be played in a large urban garden and were the focus of parties where, beneath the niceties, the most intense social rivalries could find release through mallet and racket.

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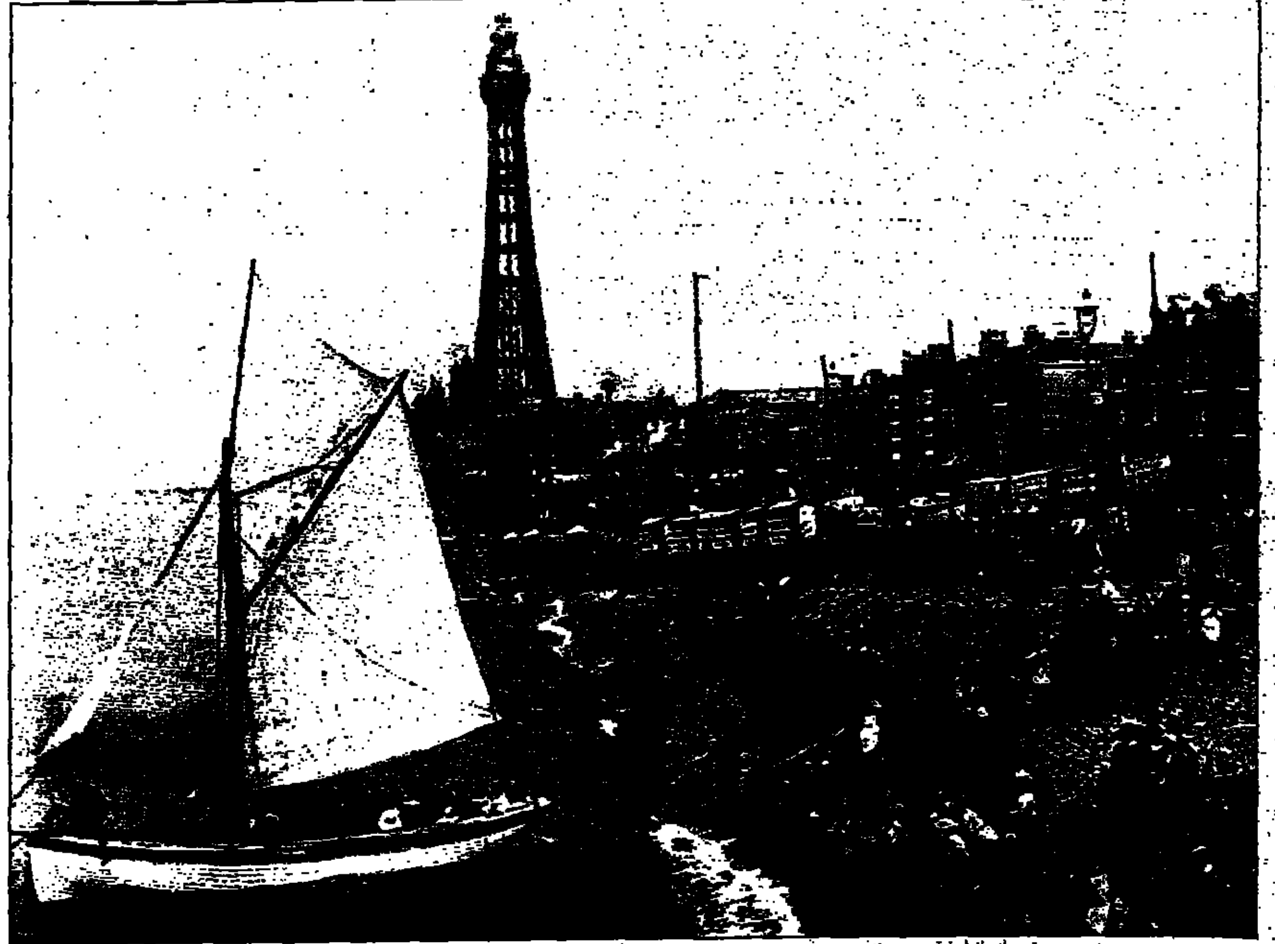
Time-capsule tenements in Glasgow and the pomp of municipal architecture in Liverpool: the relentless rise of the Victorian city



Never a dull moment: Blackpool in the 1890s, when the tower was the world's second highest building

The seaside outing that never stopped

Blackpool's old heart is beating fast, says **Damian Whitworth**

A HUNDRED years ago, Blackpool was already the boldest, brashest seaside town in Britain. Victorian entrepreneurs created a resort dedicated to the pleasure of the masses. Their vision was so clear, and the image was so strong, that holidaymakers are still flocking to enjoy the attractions.

William Filmer-Sankey, of the Victorian Society, says: "Blackpool is still packed with people dancing, only now they are stuffed into discos rather than ballrooms. The principle is still there — if there were any principles."

At the beginning of the 19th century, the Lancashire town was a watering hole for gentry who rolled up in their coaches for a bracing dip. When Victoria ascended the throne in 1837, it had just 730 occupants. At her death in 1901, it had 48,000, not counting the summer pilgrimages.

The railway had arrived in 1846. Soon the Lancashire and Yorkshire line began running cheap excursions. The cotton industry had established a practice of giving employees annual holidays, so when mills closed for summer breaks, the seaside landladies opened their doors and tens of thousands of people saw the sea for the first time.

Not content just to frolic beside the sea, the Victorians wanted to walk on it. The first of the three great piers at Blackpool was the North Pier, constructed by Eugenius Birch, the leading light of pier building, in 1863. While the subsequent South and Central piers are now laden with entertainment halls and amusements, the North Pier is preserved much as it was, with just four kiosks and a wide, open promenade. Paddle steamers from the North and Central piers would race on three-hour crossings to the Isle of Man.

In 1892, the North Pier provided a viewing station for holidaymakers when a Norwegian ship foundered. Only when it crashed into the pier did the voyeurs flee. The crew escaped with their lives, but a stock of fur coats in [illegible] shop were lost when they fell into the sea and were spirited away by spectators who dived after them.

After exploring the sea, the Victorians decided to scrape the sky. The first stone of the Blackpool Tower was laid in 1891. Two years later, the 520ft copy of the Eiffel Tower was complete, and Blackpool boasted the second highest building in the world. It had a smaller base than the Paris version and lighter steelwork, but it is reputed to be able to withstand gales four times stronger than any yet experienced on that coast.

The tower instantly became the trademark of Blackpool. It is still possible to go to the top to enjoy the view, wind permitting. Down below there is, as originally, a circus, although animals no longer perform. On a rainy, midweek summer afternoon the ornate ballroom — designed by Frank Matcham, who also imposed his style and gold-leaf paint on the Hackney Empire, London Palladium and Blackpool's thriving Grand Theatre — is packed.

Today the tower and the Winter Gardens are both owned by Michael Grade's First Leisure. A century ago they were locked in competition. The glass dome of the Winter Gardens could be seen by passengers as they disembarked at the station. Hoardings boasted "entertainment all day and not a dull moment". Today the place hosts pop concerts, entertainers, party conferences and darts tournaments.

The odd dance hall may have disappeared, theme pubs and amusement arcades may clog the streets, but Blackpool was always about cheap fun. In among the more modern monstrosities, the spirit and some of the Victorian glory remain.

☐ *Blackpool Tower: open daily 10am-11pm. Admission £5; family ticket £15. Circus £2 extra per person. Admisson to the Winter Gardens is free, show prices vary.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Violence on flight forces jet to land

A charter jet carrying 235 holidaymakers to the Canary Islands made an emergency landing in Faro, Portugal, after a passenger reportedly became drunk and violent. Portuguese police were called to the Britannia Airways Boeing 757 and took the man, from Newcastle, into custody. The airline said that it would consider suing him for the cost of the diversion.

Lake inquiry

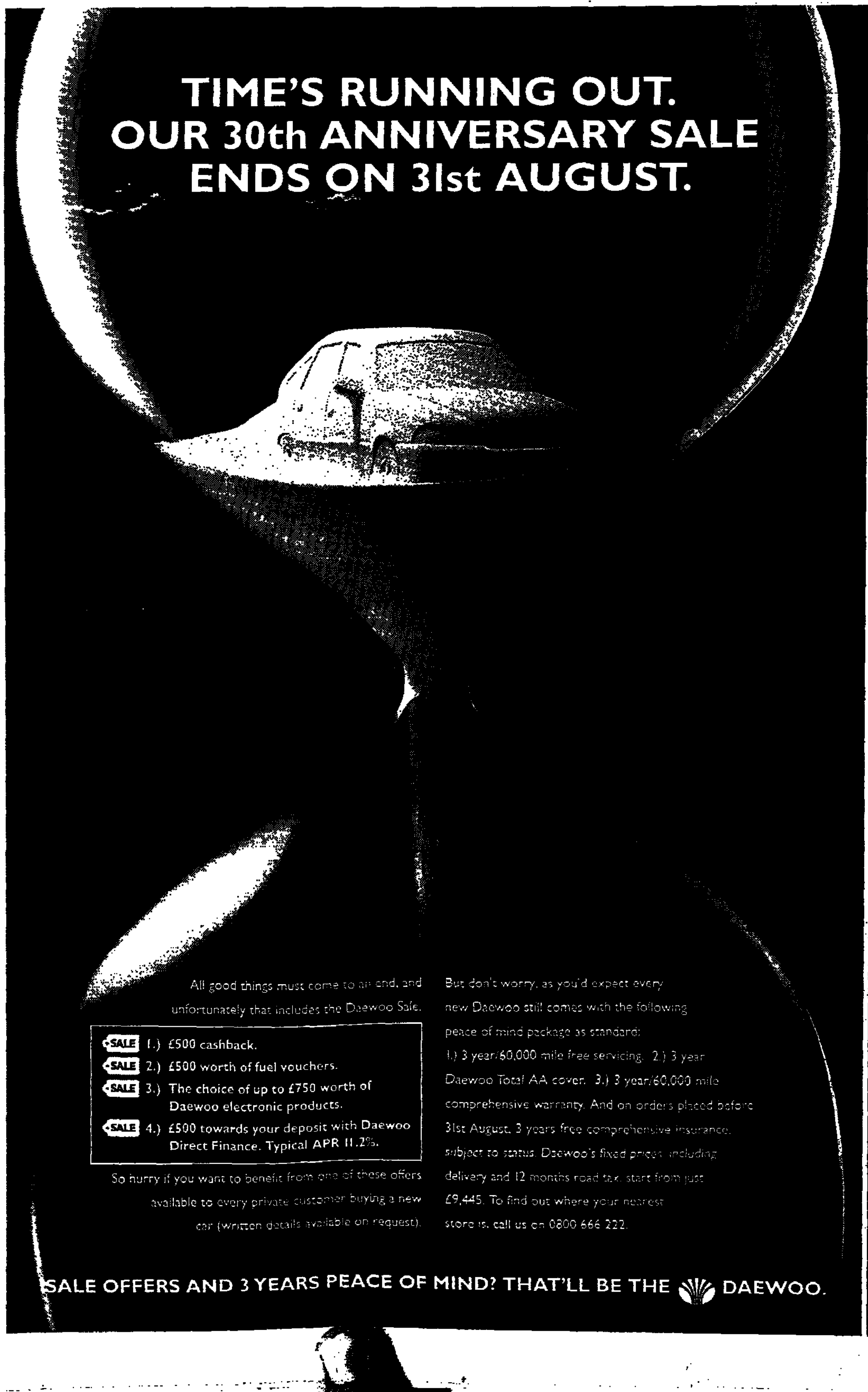
Police studied aerial photographs of Coniston Water in the Lake District and used sonar tracking equipment in an attempt to identify the body found in the lake last week. The body of a woman in her twenties, dressed in a nightdress, is thought to have been in the lake for about 25 years.

Beating law

Teachers hitting pupils became a criminal offence in Ireland yesterday, 15 years after corporal punishment was barred. The move was welcomed by Ireland's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which also called for a legal ban on corporal punishment in the home.

Dunblane roses

Two new varieties of rose were planted in Dunblane, named in honour of the primary school teacher and her 16 pupils murdered in the town. Gwen Mayor, a hybrid tea rose, and Innocence, a bushy patio variety, were bred in Aberdeen. Money from sales will go to Dunblane charities.



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Sale row over playing fields put out to grass

A decaying sports ground where London's children played is a test case against development, writes **John Goodbody**

THE playing fields which were once the pride of the Inner London Education Authority are to become the first test of the Government's policy to stop the sale of sports grounds needed by schools and communities.

The 86-acre Priest Hill sports centre in Ewell, Surrey, deserted for 15 years, once boasted 30 hard tennis courts, 18 football, nine rugby and eight hockey pitches, eight cricket squares and extensive athletics facilities. The site is one of a number of former sports centres around London, owned by the authority, on which millions of schoolchildren, including Linford Christie, Daley Thompson and John Barnes, used to play.

But whereas the others have been preserved, Priest Hill fell into disuse in 1982, when schools stopped transporting pupils from the capital and the fields became surplus to educational requirements.

Although local schools and clubs are eager to rent the facilities, the new owners are reluctant to grant long leases in case redevelopment plans are restricted. In the meantime, gypsies and vandals have invaded the grounds, dumping rubbish on the overgrown grass and ruined tennis courts. Trespassers have wrecked the pavilion and groundsmen's houses.

After schools stopped using the site, ownership was transferred to the Greater London Council and then to the London Residuary Body, set up to dispose of GLC property. In 1987, Adrian Stonebridge, a local tennis coach, ran a series of lessons for children but the LRB would not agree to a long-term commitment. In 1989, Priest Hill was sold for almost £2 million to Combined Counties Properties of Esher, which has subsequently tried to put together a series of redevelopments, one including a golf course and hotel, which would be financially viable and satisfy green belt regulations. Planning permission for the golf course has now expired.

The 86-acre Priest Hill site in Ewell, Surrey, has suffered from vandalism and years of neglect

The Sports Council and Epsom and Ewell Borough Council both admit that the "wasted acres" of Priest Hill are an unfortunate victim of legislation and red tape. Alan Sillitoe, southeast senior regional officer with the Sports Council, said: "Fifteen years of playing sport has largely been lost and still no one knows whether the site will be developed or not."

The situation has frustrated schools and residents. Peter Brooks, headmaster of Kingswood House, Epsom, said that he was seeking new playing fields. Martin Patmore, the bursar of Glyn ADT technology school, said that his school might like to lease part of the site.

Karen Sanders-Mallardo, whose house borders Priest Hill, said: "We are fed up. In my nine years here, I once saw some polo being played, but nothing else."

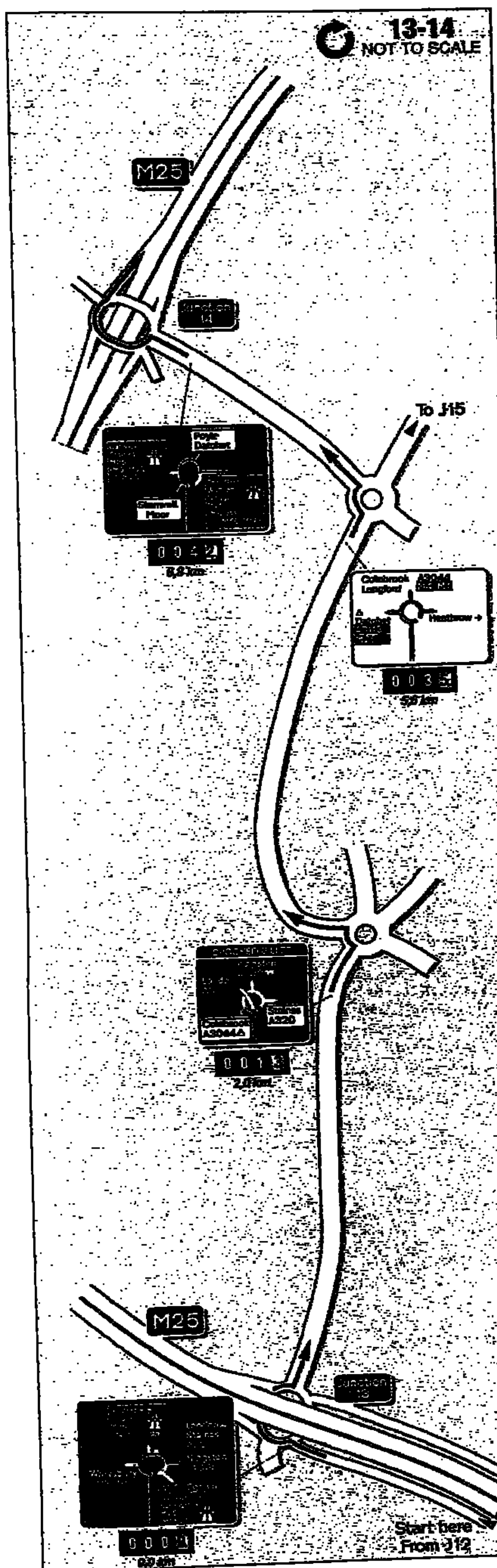
Richard Harris, the borough community services officer, said that the council was still looking to Combined Counties Properties to put together a package which might include some commercial development but respected the green belt. No one from Combined Counties Properties was available for comment.

A spokesman for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport said that the situation was regrettable. Planning controls — including the policy, announced two months ago, to halt the sale of playing fields — would be taken into account if any plan was called in by the Department of the Environment.

The National Playing Fields Association said yesterday that at least 259 areas of recreational land had come under threat from developers since last autumn. The association wrote to Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, last week urging the Government to list important playing fields on the same basis as conservation areas.

M25 jambuster runs head-on into opposition

AA says route guide is dangerous, writes **Peter Foster**



AN ENTREPRENEUR who became so fed up with sitting in traffic jams on the M25 that he produced a guide on how to avoid them has been attacked by motoring organisations and residents living on the alternative routes he suggests.

M25 Guide, written by Neil Atkinson, a former computer software salesman, details routes for skirting congestion on the road that has been called Britain's biggest car park.

It ran into immediate opposition from the Automobile Association when it was launched yesterday. The organisation said it would endanger lives, creating dangerous rat-runs through outlying towns and villages. "We're not happy with this book at all," an AA spokesman said. "It will be dangerous because the majority of accidents occur on non-motorway routes, and increasing traffic off the M25 will just lead to more congestion and pollution in these rural areas."

People living on one of the alternative routes in Surrey, the A3044 in Staines, joined the AA in condemning the guide. Stephen and Louise Gomm, who live on the edge of the advised detour between junctions 13 and 14, said the guide would increase traffic noise and pollution on an already busy road.

Mr Gomm said he was particularly concerned for his eight-month-old twins, Leonie and Alexander. "You can see the black pollution collecting on the window sills. The twins were three months premature and could well do without the additional fumes. Personally, I wanted the M25 scheme to go ahead. Now it's collapsed, they have just shoved the problem on to somebody else."

The guide could be the first of a series

Their views were echoed by Thora Hall, who has lived on the road, to the west of London, for 31 years. "People don't consider other people any more," she said. "The noise is so bad we can't sleep some nights. If it gets any worse we'll have to shut the windows, but you can't do that in the summer."

Lorraine Goodall, whose house backs on to the busy dual carriageway, said the guide would encourage motorists who had not used the road before to do so. "It is busy in rush-hour but only people who know about it take this route. With this guide things can only get worse."

Mr Atkinson, 29, from Newcastle upon Tyne, invested £40,000 in the project. Yesterday he defended his idea. "My book is just a cheaper version of satellite navigation systems already available," he said. "I understand the AA's concern, but we've been careful to use dual carriageways wherever possible and to avoid rural areas."

The idea for the guide came to him while he was working for a company in London. "I spent hours sitting on the M25 wasting time and money. A normal road atlas was too cumbersome and lacking in detail, so I decided to launch this," he said.

The guide, which costs £4, will be available from garage forecourts, bookshops, and newsagents. If it proves to be a success, Mr Atkinson plans to tackle other motorway pressure points, such as the M6 around Birmingham.

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ALAN WELLER

Stephen and Louise Gomm say the guide will increase traffic on an already busy road

SIX-MINUTE DETOUR BEATS QUEUES

Yesterday *The Times* conducted its own road test to see how effective the *M25 Guide* is. Finding the traffic jam was easy: as we approached junction 13, near Staines, the overhead warning signs indicated trouble ahead. Prefering the wind in our hair to crawling along in temperatures above 80C, we opted for the alternative route spelt out in the guide, which uses photographs of road signs and simplified maps.

The route, which is clearly marked with red arrows, took us first on to the A308 to Kingston for 1.3 miles. We turned sharp left at the Crooked Billet roundabout on to the A3044 towards Colnbrook. The next roundabout took us back to junction 14. The 4.2-mile detour (three miles on the M25) on free-flowing dual carriageways took six minutes.

Getting to the root of what can make hair all white in a night

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE hair of Julie Walters, the actress, turned white after it was found that her daughter, Maisie, had lymphoblastic leukaemia. Her partner was also reported to have gone grey, although Walters concealed the change by dyeing her locks. Maisie is now doing well, and has been in remission for three years.

Stress can hasten the ageing process and there is no doubt that people go grey earlier as a result of anxieties and tragedies. The claim that severe shock has turned patients grey overnight is always met with scepticism by doctors as there is no obvious scientific explanation for it. There are, however, well-documented cases and, despite doctors' scepticism, the phenomenon is not only in the imagination of ghost-story writers.

One explanation could be that pigmented hairs are less firmly rooted than grey hairs, and therefore fall out more readily in the event of fright or disaster. The remaining hairs could then be responsible for the apparent acquisition, overnight, of a full head of grey hair.

Hair colour is the result of differences in the melanin pigment. In black and brown hair the pigment is tyrosine-melanin, while redheads and blonds owe the colour to the pigment pheomelanin. Dark-brown hair differs from black hair only because of the different size of the melanin-containing cell whereas light-brown hair is a mixture of different types, some containing the pigment found in blond hair and others that of black hair. Very bright red hair is the result of the person's hair having an iron-rich pigment, trichosiderin.

Grey hair is caused by a loss of pigmented cells, and the age at which this happens is genetically determined. Grey hairs may sometimes be found in children. My grandfather was completely grey while a medical student at Cambridge and my mother had white hair before she was 30.

Julie Walters went grey after her daughter's illness. Indira Gandhi's streak followed her own ill-health

A greying head is soon accompanied by changes in the beard and later the body hair. The more the body hair is exposed to light the sooner it goes grey. Hair exposed to sun by an open-neck shirt goes white before that on other parts of the chest usually kept covered. Eyebrows and eyelashes tend to go grey last of all.

Many diseases affect the colour of the hair, and sometimes hair is white when it regrows after patchy baldness. Waardenburg's syndrome is the condition that accounts for streaks of hair, so obvious in the case of Indira Gandhi. The white tuft made the late Prime Minister of India instantly recognisable.

Chloroquine, the anti-malarial which is blamed by expatriates for so many ills, can occasionally cause depigmentation of the hair, but only in blonds and redheads. Brunettes are able to retain their lustrous colour in spite of their weekly dose of chloroquine.

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Jury says implant firm hid risks

Massive payouts may follow a US ruling that health risks of silicone were kept secret, writes Tunku Varadarajan

A JURY in New Orleans has found that a major chemical company *did* not properly test its silicone breast implants for safety in humans, paving the way for potentially massive payouts in compensation to thousands of women, several of them British.

The jury also found that the company, Dow Chemical, deliberately concealed information about the risks to women's health posed by *the silicone in the implants.*

The finding comes in the first-ever *class-action suit brought against* a breast implant manufacturer by *women alleging silicone-induced* injury. The case involves claims *made by 1,800 American women. If* successful, the precedent could as*sist up to 10,000 British women,* all of whom have registered private *claims against a clutch of American* companies, in securing compensation. *Although this is only the first* stage in what promises to be a long court battle, the *jury's finding is a* big setback for Dow Chemical, which owns half of Dow Corning, *at* one time America's largest implant producer. Dow Corning has filed for bankruptcy.

Dow Chemical has reacted furiously to the jury's decision, arguing that the design, testing and manufacture of the breast implants were done by Dow Corning alone. John Musser, Dow Chemical's director of public affairs, said: "The company had no way of knowing which silicone compounds were to be used in medicals implants."

Matters have been complicated by the fact that Dow Corning will be left out of the present case until the separate bankruptcy proceedings have been resolved.

However, the women who filed *the orignal lawsuit* welcomed the ruling. Peggy Musmeci, one of the *plaintiffs, said: "The doctors* we went to — they think we are nuts. *This proves we're not nuts."*

The case now moves to the second, forensic phase, *which* promises to be even more complicated than the first, five-month phase. Next month the jury will have to decide whether the injuries which *the claimants* allege are directly attributable to the silicone in their *breast implants and not to any other* cause. Furthermore, the women will *have* to convince the jury that they would not have undertaken breast surgery had they been fully aware of any risks involved.

The women have not sued for specific damages, as the law in Louisiana requires plaintiffs to file for unspecified compensation. The size of the award is determined exclusively by the jury. If successful, however, the case could reap billions of dollars for the claimants.

An indication of the potential size of the compensation comes from Dow Corning's 1994 offer of a global out-of-court settlement of $4.25 billion (£2.6 billion). That offer failed to attract enough takers, with women arguing that it was insufficient. It *was made when the company was* in a stronger legal position than it is *now.*

The jury's finding that the manufacturer *suppressed information re*lating to risks is likely to inflate that *figure still further. There is a strong* likelihood, also, of punitive damages being assessed against the manufacturers.

RULA HALAWANI / REUTERS

Palestinians set up camp on the Mount of Olives in protest at the Jewish state's confiscation of their Israeli identity cards. Israel has been taking away their cards if they make their homes outside east Jerusalem, thereby losing their right to live in the holy city

Israel threatens to retaliate for rocket barrage

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Prime Minister gave a warning of severe retaliation if Lebanese Hezbollah guerrilla fighters continue attacking civilian areas *along the northern border of* the Jewish state.

Binyamin Netanyahu, speaking yesterday during a tour of *Kiryat Shemona*, one of the towns hit by Katyusha rockets fired from southern Lebanon into the Galilee region of northern Israel, said: "The immediate task is to halt the cycle of escalation which does not serve the interests of any side. We want quiet on both sides of the northern border *so* that Israeli and Lebanese citizens can conduct their lives peacefully."

He said: "However, Israel will respond severely to any attacks on its citizens and I hope that this message — in all *its implications* — will be understood by the other side."

The Katyusha rocket barrage came in two waves; the first, at 7am, fell all over the Galilee, and the second volley, about 1½ hours later, hit only western Galilee. In all, about 40 rockets landed, slightly injuring three people, but caused considerable damage to buildings and power lines.

Mr Netanyahu held Syria, the main political power broker in Lebanon and which has 30,000 soldiers inside the country, responsible for failing to prevent Hezbollah from launching the attacks. "There has to be every effort by Syria, which controls Hezbollah, to stop these firings," he said.

Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Islamic militant group, said the attacks were in *revenge for the clashes in* Lebanon on Monday in which *at least nine people died and* scores more were injured. Then, for the first time in more than a year, the Lebanese city of *Sidon* came under artillery attack by the South Lebanese Army (SLA), an Israeli-backed local militia. Israel has admitted that the attack was the sole initiative of an SLA commander and was wrong.

The SLA attack led Beirut to condemn Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon. Faris Bouez, its Foreign Minister, said yesterday: "The Israeli occupation of the south is a very negative situation for Israel. The south is a real *Israeli Vietnam," he said in* reference to America's troubled *involvement in Southeast* Asia in the 1960s and 1970s. "The only way for the Israelis to stop this problem is to fully withdraw from southern Lebanon."

Mr Bouez also accused Mr Netanyahu of trying to sabotage Middle East peace agreements. "He is trying to end, or to terminate the Oslo agreement and at the same time he is trying to change the nature and the goal of the eventual mission of [US] Secretary of State Madeleine Albright — trying to talk about security and *not hear about politics."*

Dodi Fayed dines out on anonymity

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

UP CLOSE and personal, the *heir to the* Harrods fortune looks older and greyer than *when viewed* through the telescopic lenses of Italian *paparazzi.*

Dodi Fayed, suffering no *doubt* from jet lag, was barely recognisable when he wan*dered over to our table* at the new Spago in Beverly Hills within hours of touching down in California.

He wore a beige linen suit with a Nehru collar, and the wary look of a fox who had found temporary refuge from the hounds of Fleet Street. Had he known he was stumbling into a *Times Magazine* interview with Wolfgang Puck, the restaurateur, and his wife, Barbara Lazaroff, he might have backed away.

Instead, he thanked Mr Puck for his meal and offered *no comment* on the legal battle being waged against him by a model who claims they were engaged until last week. No comment, either, on reports that an Egyptian conman in a Canadian jail *may* be responsible for at least 19 other lawsuits filed against him in California's courts.

Mr Fayed may be faulted *for his media silence, but not* for his power-lunching instincts. There is probably no restaurant on earth where he could have been more confident of his waiter's discretion or of being surrounded by customers more famous than himself than *Mr Puck's* establishment on North Canon Drive. Spago Beverly Hills, which opened in April, has a menu to deter all but millionaires and agents on expense accounts. (If you have one, try the shaved summer truffles over roast Maine lobster).

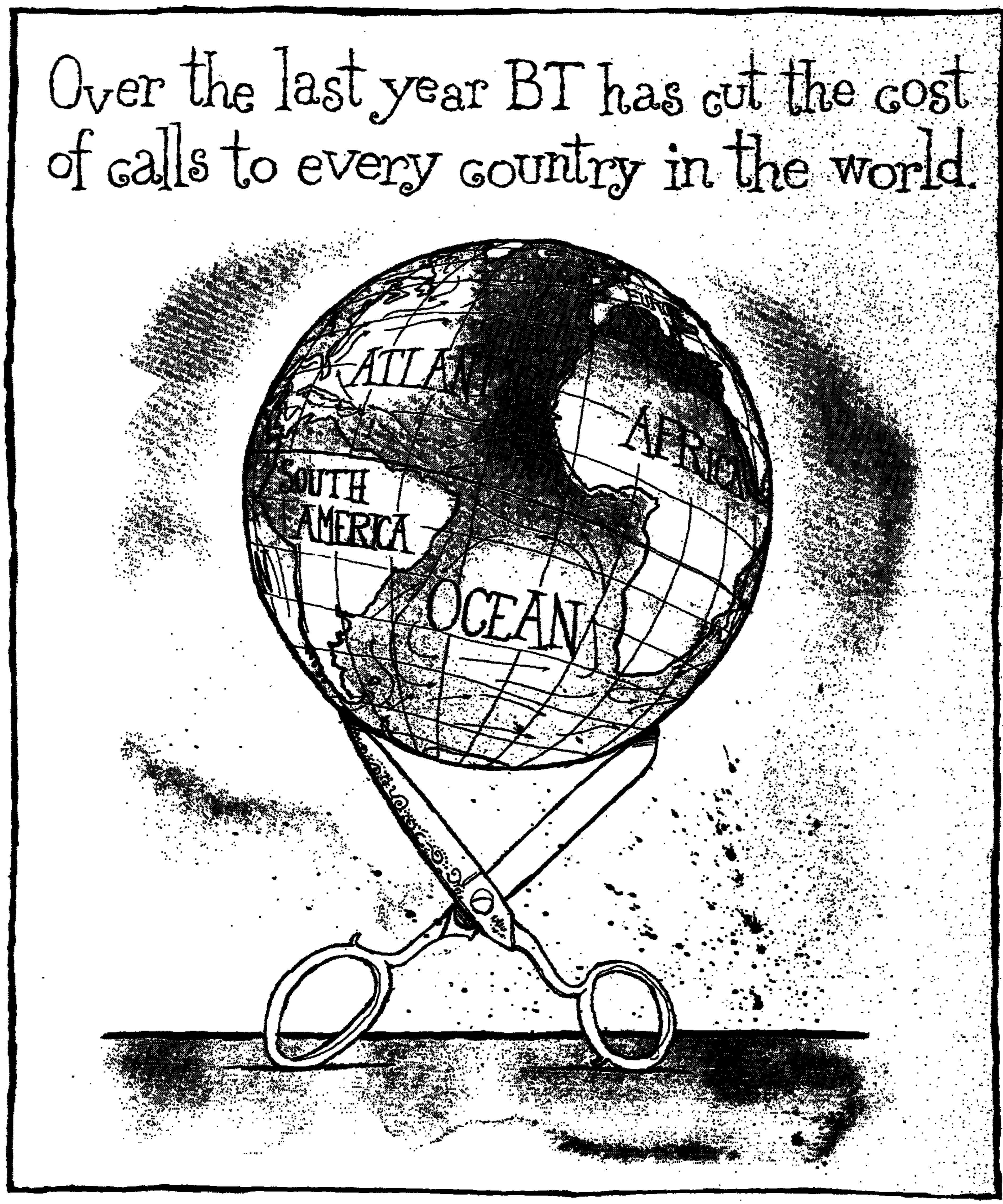
It was also designed specifically to cater to film stars' erratic seating whims. John Travolta and Hugh Grant like to face the perimeter of the dark interior courtyard for virtual invisibility, Ms Lazaroff confided. Marvin Davies, the oil tycoon and sometime owner *of* Paramount Pictures, goes indoors for warmth.

Mr Fayed ate lunch in a side *booth with the actor* Christopher Lambert and barely turned a head.

His pursuit of privacy in America has been made easier by a striking lack of interest in his romance with Diana, Princess of Wales, among local media. The lawsuit filed against him by his former girlfriend, Kelly Fisher, has been greeted *with mirth*, but also *shame at such a vintage case of litigiousness run wild.*

As one local reporter yelled *at Gloria Allred, Miss Fisher's* lawyer: "Beautiful young women are always being led halfway up the aisle and then jilted. What's so *special* about your client?" The attorney and her client disappeared to regroup. The story has featured on the local television news as a purely comic item.

Nigella Lawson, page 13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Survivor of the Titanic finally arrives in US

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AP

Eighty-five years after her journey began Millvina Dean is met by Matt Levi, left, and his wife, Katie, at the house that was to have been home

MILLVINA DEAN, an 85-year-old woman from Southampton, has finally set foot in the American house that would have been hers had the *Titanic* not gone down in 1912. Only nine months old when she was bundled into a sack and lowered to a lifeboat, she was the youngest survivor.

"I can't bear iced drinks ... the iceberg, you know," said Miss Dean when offered a chilled glass of cola at the home in Kansas City, Missouri. "Perhaps some champagne, though," she said, after a pause.

A retired secretary, Miss Dean was received warmly by the Levi family, who live in "her" house. "Welcome home, Millvina," said Matt Levi. "It is all completely unreal to me," confessed Miss Dean. "I never though for a minute that I'd ever be here."

In 1912, Miss Dean's father, Bertram Dean, sold his London pub in order to move to America. He had dreams of a better, richer life, free from the drudgery of pulling pints and nagging beer-drinkers. His goal was to set up a small tobacconist's shop in Kansas City, where a cousin, Alfred Norbury, had moved in 1871. Cousin Alfred had wonderful stories to relate and the publican was in no doubt that the salubrious American Midwest would be a better place for his young family than the fetid East End of London.

Millvina Dean as a baby in her mother's arms in 1912

The Deans' dreams, however, crashed sharply into an iceberg: Bertram died, America unseen, when the *Titanic* sank. Miss Dean's mother, Georgetta, and her older brother, Bertram Jr, were among the survivors rescued by the *Carpathia*.

After a wretched fortnight in a New York hospital, they returned to England, moving to Southampton. Miss Dean has lived there ever since, never marrying and always shunning ice. Her mother remarried some years after the tragedy, dying in 1975 at the age of 95.

Miss Dean has had a rollicking time since her arrival in Kansas City on Sunday. She has been fêted by the Levis: she has dined at the homes of the descendants of Cousin Alfred and been to see the local steamboat museum. Next, she wants to go to Nebraska to see the home of Jesse James, her "favourite outlaw". On Monday, however, came the *pièce de résistance* of her visit: Emanuel Cleaver, the Mayor who made her an honorary citizen of Kansas City in 1993, held a civic reception for her. As the cameras flashed and local journalists milled around, she maintained her poise and basked in the attention.

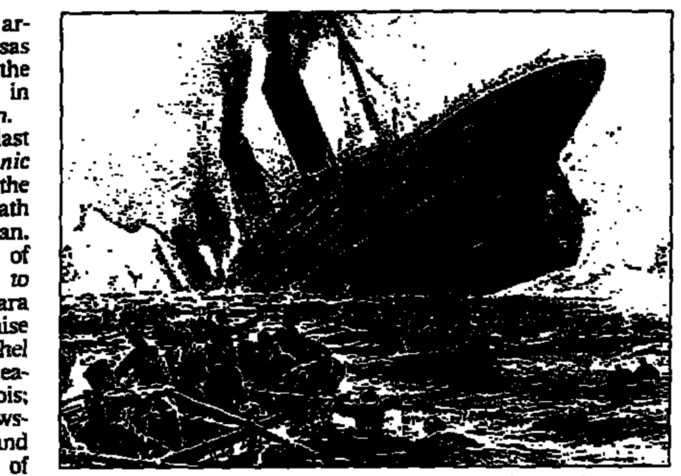
Smiling, she told one reporter that she would only be seeing "the first half" of the forthcoming film on the sinking of the *Titanic*.

Miss Dean, who travelled to America on the QE2 and plans to return on the liner later this year said: "I love the sea. I never had any emotions about the *Titanic*. I was too young, for one thing. I didn't know my father, and my mother never spoke about it."

It was not until she was eight years old that she learnt what had happened to her father. Because of this the Dean family story was not widely known to members of the Titanic Historical Society until 1987, when Miss Dean attended a memorial service for disaster victims in England.

Today she has become the most public face of the disaster. As such, she is of vast interest to the more than 5,000 members of the society. One of them is Michael Rudd, head of Kansas City's Travel Marketing Associates. Mr Rudd arranged Miss Dean's Kansas City visit after locating the home on Harrison Street in the city's Hyde Park section.

Miss Dean is one of the last of a dwindling band of *Titanic* survivors and is by far the most energetic. With the death in January of Edith Haisman, aged 100, the number of survivors is now down to seven. The others are: Barbara West, of Plymouth; Louise Laroche, of Paris; Michel Navratil, of Montpellier; Eleanor Shuman, of Elgin, Ilinois; Lillian Asplund of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts; and Winifred van Tongerloo, of Warren, Michigan.


An artist's impression of the sinking of the *Titanic*

Quinn 'beat wife over his affairs'

New York: The son of Anthony Quinn, the actor, has told a court that when his mother mentioned her husband's extramarital affairs his father would hit her until she had bruises on her arms.

Danny Quinn, 33, also an actor, was the first witness in what threatens to be an bitter divorce hearing. He said the trouble usually started at the dinner table. "My mother would say something about his extramarital affairs ... Then he'd throw something — dishes, glass — at her, and sometimes he'd hit her."

The 82-year-old winner of two Academy Awards and his second wife of 30 years, Italian-born Iolanda Quinn, 62, are fighting over Quinn's assets — which are reportedly worth at least $20 million (£12.5 million) — in Manhattan Supreme Court. Quinn now has two children by Kathy Benvin, 35, his former secretary.

Fury as Montserrat islanders flee volcano

BY DAVID ADAMS IN MONTSERRAT AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

POLICE with riot shields broke up a demonstration on the island of Montserrat yesterday, dispersing a mob protesting about overcrowding in housing for refugees from the island's volcano.

The protesters set up roadblocks and demanded information about a promised voluntary evacuation assistance package from Britain, said Eugene Skerritt, the permanent secretary to the British colony's Chief Minister. "The situation in the country is extremely tense," he said. "There is a certain sense of loss. Tempers are getting pretty high."

The demonstration came as the Soufriere Hills volcano erupted again, sending up a 10,000ft ash cloud. Officials were expecting further eruptions.

Clare Short, Britain's International Development Secretary, said yesterday that a voluntary evacuation from the island would go ahead tomorrow. "People will be helped to go to Antigua ... and then given choices about their longer term decisions," she said. They would be given the choice of settling elsewhere in the Caribbean or in Britain.

Some residents who were forced to abandon their homes after eruptions last weekend have been sleeping in their cars.

Many of the estimated 4,000 people still living on Montserrat had said they could not afford to leave, and had nowhere to go.

Some protesters also spoke out against what they saw as government coercion to abandon the island.

"Those who can afford to will run, but what about those who can't?" asked Emmanuel White, a protester.

The demonstration followed the refusal of Bertrand Osborne, the Chief Minister, to disclose terms of the financial package being worked out for those who want to flee.

Officials announced on Saturday that they were preparing for the voluntary evacuation.

About 50 demonstrators, many of them unemployed and young, used empty petrol drums, rocks and a wooden church pew to block a road that links Salem — which has served as a commercial centre since Plymouth, the capital, was evacuated last year — to the south. They jeered police who cleared the junction and extinguished a small fire. There was no violence and no arrests.

Nearly two-thirds of Montserrat's 11,000 residents have left the island since the volcano erupted in July last year.

Red tape puts pilots in stressful spin

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States Air Force, reeling from a spate of adultery cases and high-level resignations, faced accusations yesterday of creating an environment so stressful that pilots were resorting to drink and divorce.

A confidential report by the Rand Corporation, a private Washington think-tank used by the Pentagon to analyse military policy, quoted fighter and bomber commanders blaming senior officers for pushing them into pointless field exercises and needless inspections. Combined with overseas duties, that left pilots little time for training battle skills and led to high stress levels, problem drinking, broken marriages and low morale.

Researchers surveyed hundreds of group, squadron and aircraft commanders at three USAF wings and emerged with a document in which respondents described the service as "broken" in the way its bureaucracy was planned.

"Relationships take the biggest hit," one officer said. "In our squadron we had the highest divorce rate in Air Combat Command at one time. It is terrible watching wives drink themselves to partial liver failure and be bitter at the husband, air force and life. It doesn't make for a great family life."

The report has arrived at a difficult time for the USAF. In May, Kelly Flinn, America's first female B52 pilot, received a general discharge from the service after a highly publicised case of adultery. A month later General Joseph Ralston, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was forced to withdraw his bid to be head of the armed services after revelations of an adulterous liaison.

General Ronald Fogleman, head of the air force, who has been presented with the findings, is to retire a year early next month over a disagreement with William Cohen, the Defence Secretary.

Robert Maginnis, a retired army officer, described the Rand report as a dire warning for the Pentagon. "It shows a lack of faith in senior leadership. The stress stuff is what is driving them out."

Sure way to the heart is through the wallet

BY TOM RHODES

A MAN'S wallet is more attractive than his biceps and a woman's financial security ranks a close second to her good looks, according to a new survey.

Money has become the overriding consideration in relationships throughout the United States, according to findings from 21 of the country's biggest cities presented to the American Pyschological Association.

For women, cash flow outranks a man's physical attractions, education or occupation, while men place only physical beauty above a woman's bank statement, rating a potential wife's income as far more important than her age, race or religion.

It has long been recognised that women prize the earning potential of a future mate, but the latest study by researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles offers a new insight into the value men now place on a woman's economic status.

"We sense that there has been a recent change in this country which recognises that it takes two salaries to make a relationship work," said Belinda Tucker, a UCLA psychologist who conducted the survey. "Religion and background didn't seem to matter at all. Money was clearly now what mattered for men."

Financial strength in a prospective spouse was particularly valued by well-educated white men, blacks under 40, and white women raised by single mothers, the survey revealed.

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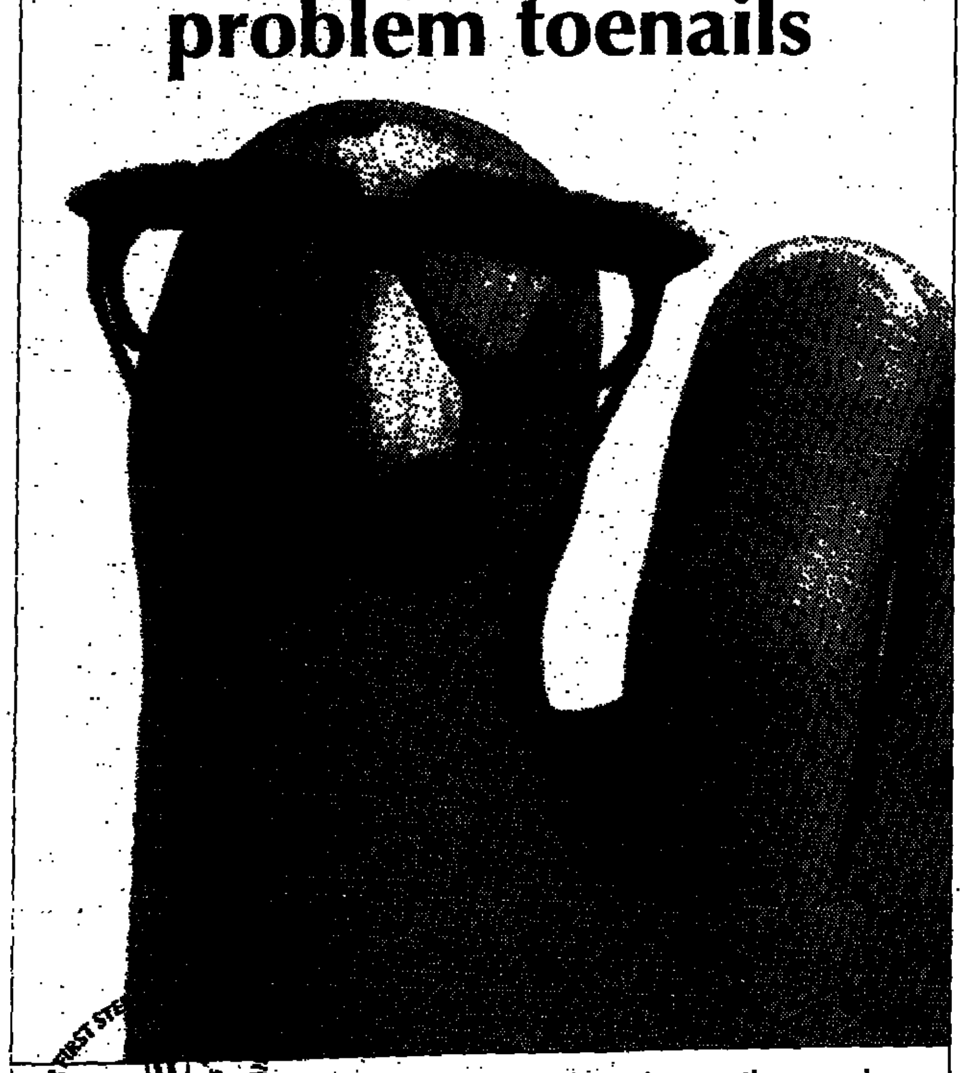

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Crew brings crippled Mir back to life

By Richard Beeston in Moscow and Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE three-man crew on Russia's crippled space station Mir restarted their computer system yesterday, restoring control of the tumbling orbiter.

"The work of the computer system is completely restored," a mission control spokeswoman said, adding that the crew would now be able to restore Mir's stable alignment with the Sun.

"The gyrodines are not yet working," she added, referring to the system that keeps the station optimally placed to accumulate solar energy. The ageing station has to be constantly aligned towards the Sun for its solar panels to produce energy. The spokeswoman said the cosmonauts had fired the engines of their *Soyuz* spaceship to help to reorientate Mir.

According to mission control, the two Russian cosmonauts and Michael Foale, the British-born Nasa astronaut, successfully located and replaced the computer component that had malfunctioned on Monday, sending the craft spinning in orbit and forcing the space station to shut off all but its life-support systems.

The next big repair work, scheduled for later this week, will involve an estimated six space walks to repair the damage caused in June when a supply ship crashed into Mir's Spektr module. The operation is intended to repair the damaged module and to reconnect vital power cables from Spektr, disconnected after the collision.

Nevertheless, there was little optimism at the Korolyov Space Centre yesterday that the process would go according to plan, after countless mishaps and fears that cost-cutting may cause further setbacks in the days to come.

Viktor Blagov, the deputy head of mission control, complained that, while the Russian space programme used to replace key components on Mir as a matter of routine, these days replacements were only made when parts broke down. The latest computer failure was located in a part that had not been replaced since the space station was launched 11 years ago.

"We used to change Mir's computer parts after its technical life expectancy would run out, say after five years. But now due to financing we have to use them until they die." He added that Russia had to decide whether it wanted its priority in space to be "safety or saving money".

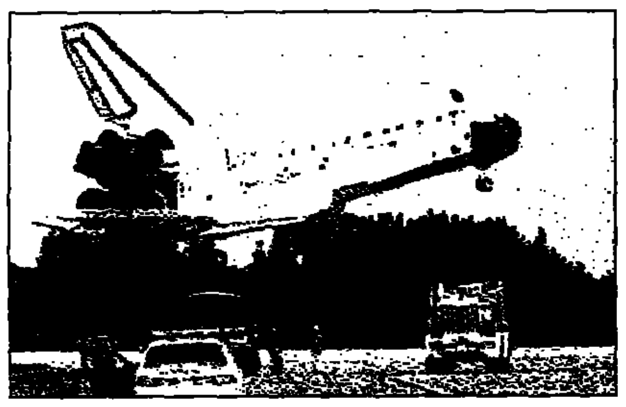
But such is the prestige invested by Russia in the world's only space station that bailing out is not yet an option. Ground controllers know that leaving Mir unmanned would make it even harder to recover later, though they have done it before. The Salyut 7 space station lost all power and drifted for months before being reoccupied.

For the Russians, Mir is one of the few surviving symbols of superpower status. As partners with America and Europe in the planned international space station, they need above all to retain credibility. They are world leaders in time spent in space, so to abandon Mir now would be a humbling experience.

American behaviour is more difficult to understand. The US space agency Nasa would never willingly expose its astronauts to similar dangers on its own spacecraft, yet during Mir's long-drawn-out decline it has acted as a dutiful echo to constant Russian assurances that all is well.

"They're not in any danger," was the latest advice from Kathleen Maliga, the spokeswoman for Nasa at Russian mission control. "They're fine. This [computer failure] has happened before."

Shuttle crew returns home


The shuttle lands yesterday at the Kennedy Space Centre

Cape Canaveral: After a day's delay, the space shuttle Discovery and its crew of six returned to Earth yesterday with a satellite containing valuable information about Earth's ozone layer. It landed at Kennedy Space Centre just after sunrise, ending a 12-day mission that covered nearly 5 million miles.

The five US astronauts and one Canadian had worked with an environmental satellite, tested a robot arm for the future international space station and observed the comet Hale-Bopp. *(Reuters)*

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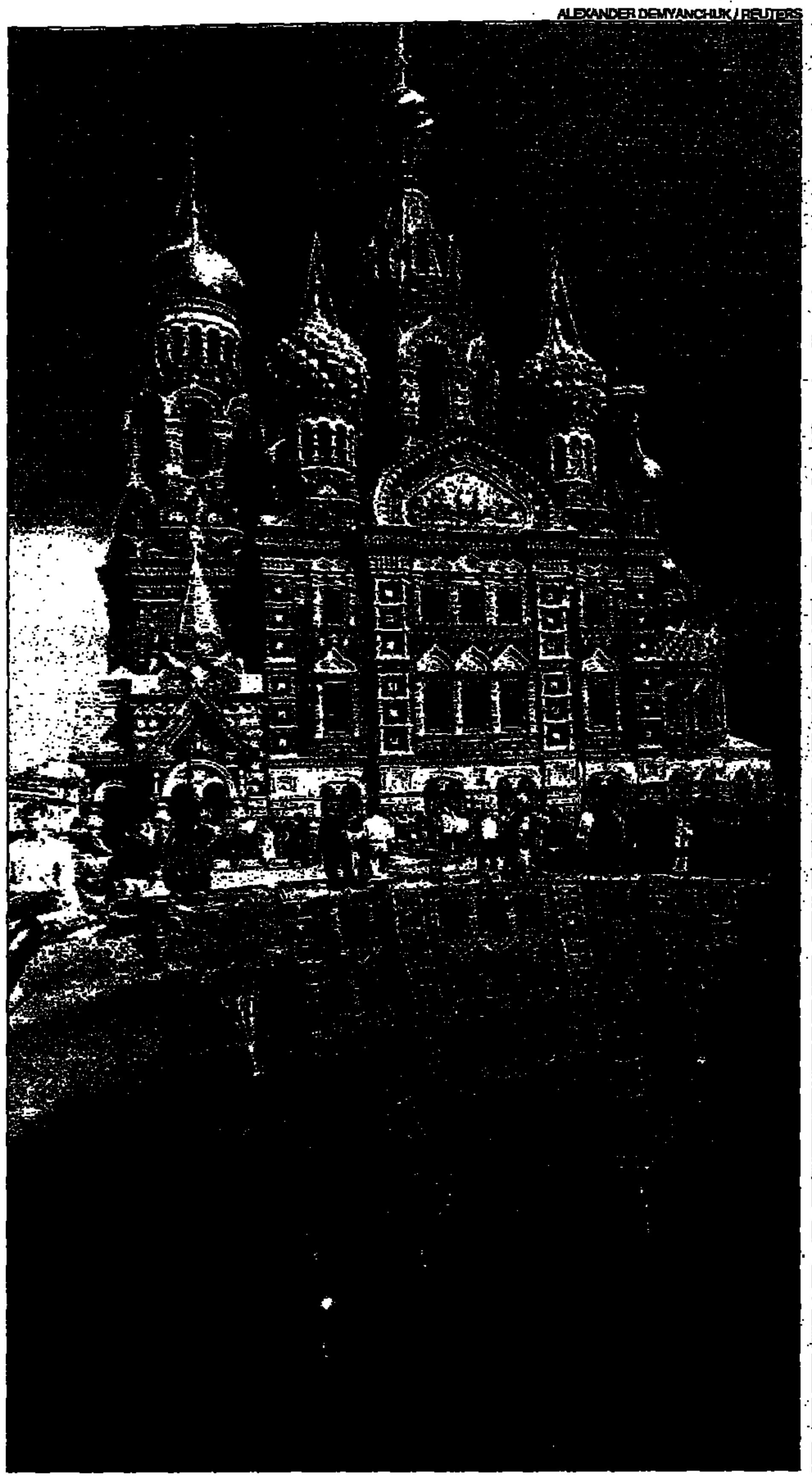
The Church of the Saviour of Spilt Blood, one of St Petersburg's greatest landmarks, yesterday admitted worshippers for the first time in 60 years (Richard Beeston writes). The church was built on the site of the assassination of Tsar Alexander II who, in spite of instituting reforms, was murdered by terrorists in 1881. Restoration was completed on the church's exterior in 1992, but it took five more years to restore the extensive mosaic halls, stained-glass windows and marble floors which had seriously deteriorated under Communism. The church's reopening is part of St Petersburg's campaign to establish itself as Russia's cultural capital and chief tourist destination, but the ceremony was clouded by the assassination on Monday of Mikhail Manevich, the young reformist Deputy Mayor of St Petersburg.

St Petersburg church opens

Bonn urged to pay East's Nazi victims

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

JEWISH lobbyists, enjoying broad support from the US Senate, yesterday began two days of negotiations with the German Government aimed at securing more German compensation for Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe.

On the eve of the talks, the American Jewish Committee took out full-page advertisements in the American press to print an open letter to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. The moral leverage of the Jewish negotiators — led by the Frankfurt-based Jewish Claims Conference — has rarely been more clearly stated.

The letter expressed: "Deep concern about the continued refusal of the German Government to pay pensions to the thousands of elderly Holocaust survivors living in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, even as generous 'war victims pensions' are paid to veterans of the Waffen SS and other Nazi military organisations living in the same countries and elsewhere."

The appeal was signed by 82 senators, led by Senator Christopher Dodd. The cause has also been taken up in talks between President Clinton and Herr Kohl.

Some 13,000 Jewish Holocaust survivors and about 7,000 other persecuted people or former concentration camp inmates have yet to receive any substantial compensation because they lived in Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union. The German Government has paid some DM100 billion (£34 billion) in compensation since 1949.

Payments were made to 12 countries, all in the West. A 1980 treaty set up a new hardship fund for Jewish survivors, again provided that they lived in the West.

Only two large compensation funds have been set up for Eastern Europe: a DM500 million fund was allocated in 1991 for a German Polish foundation, and a DM900 million foundation was set up with Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. But these gestures did little for individual victims.

Krystyna Budnicka, a 65-year-old Warsaw pensioner living in a one-room apartment, is more fortunate than most. Many of the 500,000 former slave labourers and concentration camp survivors living in Poland have received DM500 (about £170) or less under the 1991 agreement. The compensation is paid according to the number of months of active persecution.

Miss Budnicka was a child in the Warsaw ghetto, was hidden in a hot, almost airless underground coal bunker for six months after the Nazis razed the ghetto in 1943, escaped through the sewers, was protected by Polish partisans and survived the end of the war in a convent. The nuns baptised her as a Catholic. The compensation fund has calculated that she suffered for 65 months and has given her an above-average payment of about £2,000. With the first instalment she bought a television and a washing machine but she feels that she and other Holocaust survivors should be given some more solid form of security. "All we want is a bit of justice," she says. Similar claims are now coming from throughout Eastern Europe.

Pensions are paid to all Germans wounded in or bereaved by the war. Postwar legislators tried to avoid making a distinction between military units, wanting to keep criminal factions out of social welfare legislation. Now, as it emerges that as many as 3,000 SS men and their widows have had a comfortable living, the Government is embarrassed. But to change the law would involve a complete overhaul, since every German is constitutionally entitled to a pension.

Vienna: Austria will not hand over gold, returned to the country by Allied troops after the Second World War, to Holocaust survivors, a Foreign Affairs official said. "This gold belongs to the reserves of the Central Bank [of Austria] which has nothing to do with the Holocaust," he said. *(AFP)*

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Plavsic thwarted in bid to seize police station

From Tom Walker in Banja Luka

AN ATTEMPT by Biljana Plavsic, the Bosnian Serb president, to take control of Banja Luka's main police station failed again yesterday, as her newly-appointed police commander was arrested by special forces loyal to Radovan Karadzic.

The balance of power in the town's confusing security apparatus became more precarious later in the day, with reports that Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb representative on the Bosnian state presidency, and Dragan Kijac, the sacked Interior Minister, were due to arrive, apparently to stage an anti-Plavsic rally.

In the midst of the confusion British troops abandoned their watch over the "public security centre," declaring their job done, a spokesman for Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sfor) said. "Our main concern is that there is no violence or confrontation. The appointment of police officers is an entirely local matter and not of Sfor's concern," Lieutenant Colonel Mike Wright said.

The battle for control of Banja Luka police station is a microcosm of the larger political tussle between Mrs Plavsic and Mr Karadzic, who since the war has controlled Republika Srpska's security forces, syphoning millions of pounds into Swiss bank accounts in the process through smuggling rackets. At last Mr Karadzic's empire seems to be crumbling, but senior policemen, many of them handsomely rewarded for their loyalty, are unsure whether to switch allegiance just yet.

"They're trying to estimate where the wind blows and who to join," said an insider at the station. "If Plavsic loses this game then she's lost the Krajina [Banja Luka] region forever, and then she's finished." The 16 opposition parties in Banja Luka made a radio appeal for the townspeople to stage a counter rally against Mr Krajisnik. "Police forces are massing in Banja Luka from all other parts of Republika Srpska," they said.

To all outward appearances it was a normal day at the police station, with officers coming and going in good humour. The street in front was still blocked off, however, and outside Mrs Plavsic's presidency building her most trusted police intelligence officer, Major Dragan Lukac, was anxiously briefing teams of security guards. It was Major Lukac who forced pro-Karadzic officers out of the police station on Sunday, and his special forces have become the front line of defence for Mrs Plavsic. Ironically, Major Lukac is a former bodyguard to Mr Karadzic.

Plavsic: special forces arrested her commander

He said Milan Sutilovic, the officer appointed by Mrs Plavsic to take control of the police station, had been arrested by Karadzic loyalists led by Dejan Samara, the station's previous commander. Mr Sutilovic was asked to sign a paper giving his resignation: he refused, and was said to resting at home.

"We don't know what's happening," a duty officer said late yesterday. "Sutilovic went out and he never came back. Samara is in charge."

In a town now alive with conspiracy theories, mystery also surrounded Jovo Rosic, a constitutional court judge allegedly beaten up by Karadzic forces before last week's crucial veto of Mrs Plavsic's dissolution of parliament. Condemned by Washington and European capitals, the incident helped to bolster Mrs Plavsic's image as the anti-corruption champion to save the Dayton peace accords.

Mr Rosic allegedly received treatment in Banja Luka's Paprikovac hospital; since Friday, however, he has failed to appear in public. The hospital has no record of his stay, and no witnesses to the beating have been found.

Nine more killed in the Alps

From Susan Bell in Paris

THE death toll in the Alps rose again yesterday, as the treacherous slopes claimed nine more lives, bringing the number of people killed this summer to over a hundred.

In the Swiss Alps, four climbers died in an ice avalanche at about 13,780 feet. Also in the southern canton of Valais, three workers were killed by a rockslide as they cleared a footpath at 9,200 feet.

Two French climbers, Thierry Renard, 65, and Georges Ripert, 54, fell 1,000 feet to their deaths after one of the men lost his balance in a snowy gully.

The previous day, a German tourist was killed during his descent from the Aiguille Verte, near Mont Blanc. Mountain holidays in summer now claim more lives than winter sports, with at least 40 climbers killed in France, more than 30 in Italy and at least 32 in Switzerland this summer.

The number of dead, while not higher than in previous years, show a rise in multiple accidents, with whole parties roped together falling to their deaths. But it is not just high altitude climbers who are at risk. Mountain rescuers say tourists and day hikers, often unprepared for the conditions, are equally in danger.

About 60 people a day report to the emergency room of Chamonix hospital with broken limbs, twisted ankles or worse.

Bankrupt winemaker is found shot dead

Wiesbaden: Count Erwein Matuschka Greiffenclau, the German winemaker, was found dead from a gunshot wound yesterday, the day after his family-run business declared bankruptcy. Police said he apparently shot himself in the head with his 9mm handgun.

The body of Count Matuschka, 59, was found on a bench close to his Schloss Vollrads property in Rheingau, the Rhine valley wine-growing region west of Frankfurt. Police found a farewell letter and a will at his home.

The Matuschka vineyards have been in the family for 27 generations. Over the past three years, however, the business fell an estimated DM20 million (£6.8 million) into debt. *(AP)*

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Taleban forces shoot refugees fleeing Kabul

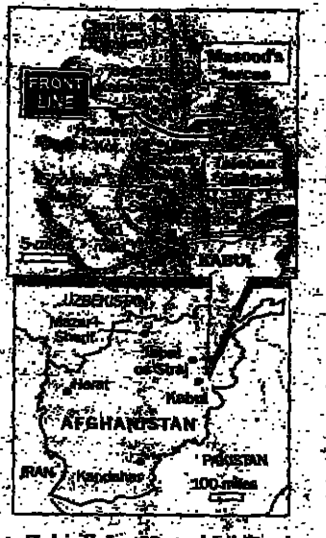
FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN JABAL OS-SIRAJ

TALIBAN fighters are shooting unarmed civilians fleeing the besieged city of Kabul, according to refugees crossing the front line into territory held by forces loyal to Ahmed Shah Masood, the leader of the "Northern Alliance".

Hundreds of men, women and children have taken refuge in the Qhul Chanor valley, a barren waste between the Taleban and alliance front lines near the old road to Kabul east of the Taleban-held village of Husseni Kot.

Many people attempt to make the arduous crossing at night when there is less chance of being spotted by Taleban gunners. But people spotted by Taleban patrols are shot at to prevent them from joining the forces of the alliance, witnesses said.

Khak Bismellah, an elderly man, said Taleban fighters were behaving like barbarians. "This is not Islamic," he said with tears in his eyes. "They are holding people in the middle of nowhere, with no food or water, and then shooting at them."



Zabiullah, 20, said it took him two days to trek from Kabul to alliance-held territory. "I waited in the hills for a day and a half before I thought it was safe to pass," he said. "Anyone who crosses over without permission is shot at."

From the alliance front line yesterday morning a trickle of refugees, who had managed to escape, could be seen in the distance, making their way down mountains into the mud-walled villages of the Shomali Valley below.

Villages and towns all along the old road from Husseni Kot to Jabal os-Siraj have borne the brunt of intense artillery exchanges over the past ten months, and have changed hands several times.

What were once tightly knit, mud-walled village systems, housing vineyards and elaborate irrigation systems, have been so comprehensively bombarded that they now resemble giant termite mounds.

The towns of Charikar and Jabal os-Siraj, which even a year ago supported thousands of inhabitants and thriving bazaars, now look like the set for a *Mad Max* film. The few who remain here eke out a living from peddling cigarettes, farm produce and feeding and sheltering General Masood's Mujahidin fighters returning from the front line.

Almost 20 years of war and civil war have spawned a robust make-do-and-mend culture among the Shomali Valley's war-weary people. Parts of cars, tanks and broken machinery are regularly cannibalised to make or repair water pumps, generators or to even fashion weapons of war.

Yesterday we saw the astonishing sight of an armoured personnel carrier on its way to the front equipped with a rocket-launcher pod from a helicopter-gunship bolted on to its roof, ready for use against the Taleban.

The spirit of the people here is irrepressible. On Monday evening the night sky over the valley was lit by tracer fire from anti-aircraft guns. What we thought was the start of the final push against the Taleban turned out to be merely "happy fire". The people of the Shomali were celebrating the day they won independence from Britain in 1919.

☐ **Kabul:** Taleban have outlawed production and consumption of cannabis and heroin, state-run Radio Shariat said. Offenders were threatened with full Islamic punishment. But it did not mention opium, Afghanistan's largest drug crop. *(AFP)*

EMMANUEL DUNAND / EPA

Anti-Taleban fighters ride in an armoured personnel carrier with a rocket-launcher pod from a helicopter-gunship

WORLD SUMMARY

Cuba ban to be eased for Pope's visit

Washington: The Clinton Administration is planning to relax restrictions on travel to Cuba during the Pope's scheduled visit to the island in January (Tom Rhodes writes).

Easing the travel blockade would allow hundreds and perhaps thousands of Americans to visit Cuba for the papal tour, but is likely to be criticised by Republican opponents of the Castro regime.

High-flyer jailed

Beijing: Chen Xiaotong, high-flying son of the disgraced former Beijing Communist Party chief, Chen Xitong, has been jailed for 12 years for corruption, officials said yesterday. *(Reuters)*

Power project

Seoul: A ground-breaking ceremony was held in North Korea to launch a project to build two light-water reactors. Nine nations and the European Union are taking part in the scheme. *(Reuters)*

Killer typhoon

Manila: Typhoon Winnie swept into northern China, killing at least five people, after veering away from Shanghai. At least six people died in the Philippines, and Manila was flooded.

'Sex slave' dies

Manila: Maria Rosa Henson, 69, above, the first Filipina to publicly reveal her sufferings as a wartime "sex slave" to Japanese forces, has died of a heart attack. *(Reuters)*

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Singapore Prime Minister clashes with QC in libel case

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN SINGAPORE

GEORGE CARMAN QC yesterday accused Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, of demeaning the dignity of his office, creating a climate of fear in the island state, and leaking libels against himself, perhaps to claim for aggravated damages.

The Prime Minister flushed in the witness box at Singapore High Court as the British lawyer accused him of paying lip service to democracy, using his office to control the courts and manipulating the Singapore press. Mr Carman said that by suing in multiple actions for damages, Mr Goh could bankrupt opposition MPs so that they could never again stand for office.

"That's up to the court to decide," the Prime Minister replied. "I am sorry you have lost your temper." He denied all Mr Carman's allegations.

In the heated courtroom contest the judge and Thomas Shields QC, for the Prime Minister, intervened several times to ask Mr Carman to refrain from personal comment.

"I suggest to you that you and Lee Kuan Yew — and you learnt from him by being his willing and able apprentice — have learnt how to play the political system. You pay lip service only to the full rights of democracy," Mr Carman said. "You create in the minds of people in Singapore a climate of fear. You say you believe in the principles of freedom of speech and freedom of the courts, but there comes a point when you adapt them for your own purposes to stay in power and stifle opposition." Mr Goh, Mr Lee and nine other members of the ruling People's Action Party are suing J.B. Jayaretnam, secretary-general of the Workers' Party, for defamation.

> ‘You say you believe in the principles of freedom but adapt them to stay in power’

The Prime Minister said that his "moral authority and leadership and standing had been gravely injured both locally and internationally". But he said he had been magnanimous with the defendant. "Oh, and this is how you show your magnanimity," retorted Mr Carman, "you have already received $600,000 [£372,000] and been vindicated, but you want more."

Under cross-examination, the Prime Minister said that this year had been a good year. "Has your standing as a leader been diminished?", Mr Carman asked. "No," Mr Goh answered. Earlier Mr Goh agreed that to have an Opposition was "a valuable gift". He said he valued freedom of speech, freedom of the press and total independence of the courts. He said he would never get political opponents out by backdoor means.

Mr Carman said: "Over the years led by the Senior Minister [Mr Lee], and by you in recent years, the court has been turned to on occasion, not for normal legitimate claims but to use as a weapon against opponents."

He added: "This is an ill-conceived action. In almost any part of the Commonwealth a judge and jury would treat this case as no more than the cut and thrust of political electioneering."

Mr Carman said that Mr Jeyaretnam's comments did not mean that the Prime Minister and 11 other people were guilty of criminal offences. "If that is what this court finds, we are living in an Alice in Wonderland world."

- The case continues.

Sikh leaders urge Queen to include Amritsar on tour

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S mainstream Sikh leaders are rallying behind proposals for the Queen to visit Amritsar and the Golden Temple, their holiest shrine. They have promised an enthusiastic welcome and pledged not to seek an apology for the massacre of nearly 400 people by British troops in 1919.

It appears unlikely, however, that the Queen will visit the city during her six-day state visit to India, beginning in mid-October. On her way to the Golden Temple she would have to pass the alley that leads to a small open space, Jallianwala Bagh, where the massacre happened. Hardline Sikh leaders could seek to mount demonstrations and embarrass the Queen for domestic political gain.

Gurcharan Singh Tohra, leader of the SGPC, the main Sikh organisation, appealed to the Queen to visit Amritsar. He said he "regretted" a suggestion by Inder Kumar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, that she should drop her visit to the city in view of controversy over demands for her to apologise for the Jallianwala Bagh killings.

The Ministry of External Affairs in Delhi has said that "in order to ensure that important relations with a very friendly country are insulated from controversy, the Government has drawn the attention of the British Government to sentiments being expressed about the proposed visit to Amritsar".

Some Sikh leaders accused the Indian Government of trying to scuttle the visit to Amritsar to deny Sikhs the "honour" of the Queen's presence. They noted that the Indian Government had not apologised for the attack on the Golden Temple in 1984, when it flushed out armed militants who had taken it over. The badly damaged temple is still being repaired.

Meanwhile, the Punjab state government has laid claim to the lost treasures of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the founder of the Sikh empire, including the Koh-i-Noor diamond — the centrepiece of the Queen Mother's Crown. The main collection is believed to have been traced to a Swiss bank vault. Kuldip Nayar, a former Indian High Commissioner to London, has also called for the India Office Library, part of the British Library, to be given to India.

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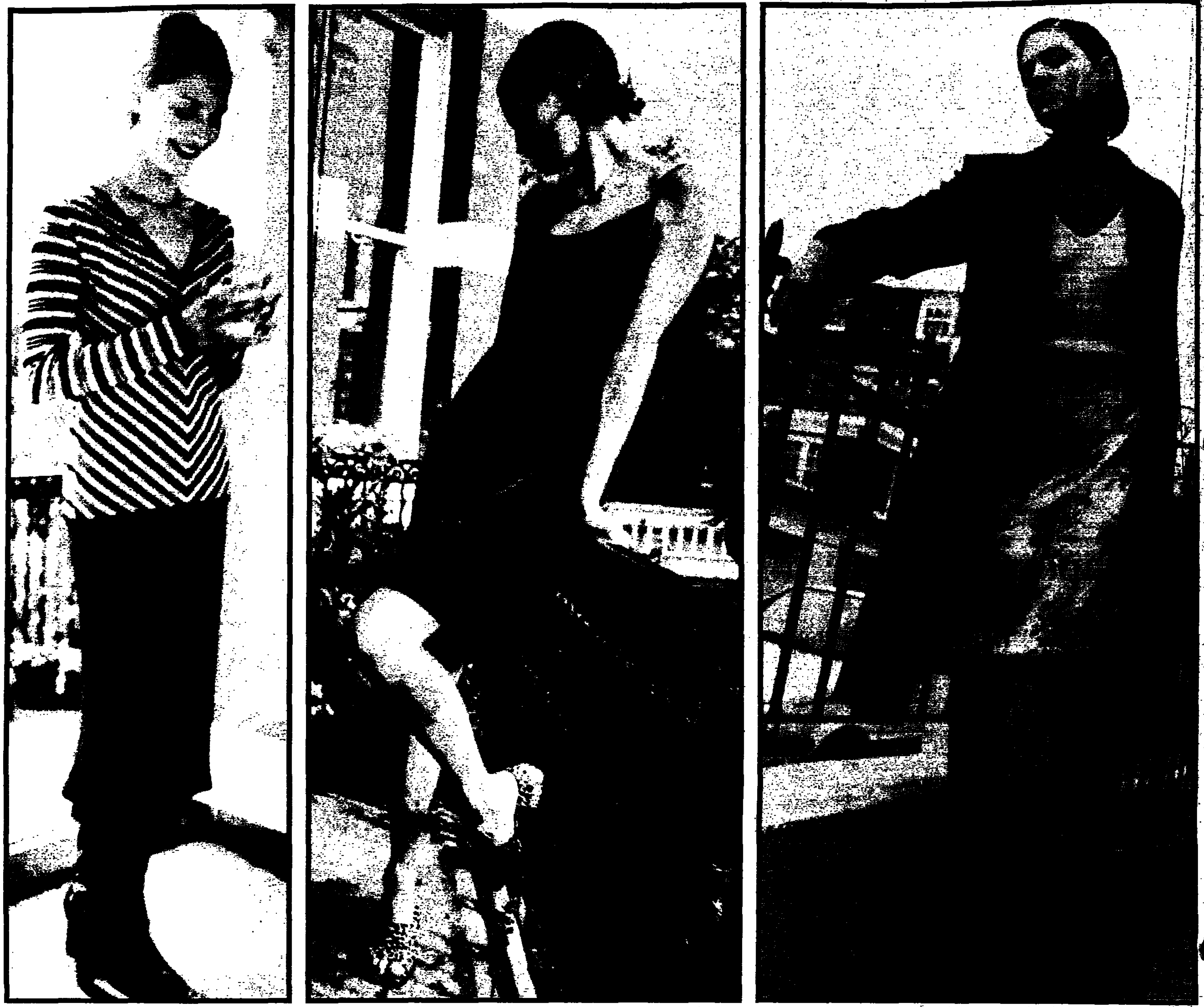
Bohemian rhapsody in Portobello



LEFT: Chevron-stripe knit top, £34.99, and pinstripe skirt, £39.99 **CENTRE:** Velour glamour dress, £39.99, and cheetah print mules, £34.99 **RIGHT:** Harvard check tweed coat, £89.99, Nostalgia Jacquard skirt, £34.99, and white V-neck jumper, £31.99 available at Oasis branches nationwide, telephone 01865 881968 **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Manuela Pavesi; Stylist: Claudia Navone; Model: Chrystalle Cervelle; Hair: Alaine Pichon; Make-up: Jackie Hamilton-Smith using Max Factor's autumn/winter '97 colours

Oasis has taken the ethos of Portobello Road and woven it into two desirable collections, says **Grace Bradberry**

It can be only a matter of time before someone bottles the Portobello Road and sells it over the counter at Harvey Nichols. Forget Bond Street, all serious fashion aspirations now tend towards this short stretch of W11.

The eclectic look was born here, as Trustafarians with time on their hands scoured the second-hand stalls and antique shops for lace camisoles, leather coats and old velvet skirts. Unfettered by office dress codes, they wore all these items together, creating a look that is filtering down to the rest of us.

In many ways it is a liberation, an opportunity to wear all the fabrics that at some point or other were deemed to be in bad taste — lurex, leather, fake fur, animal-print chiffon. And can you remember any other time in recent memory when it was considered OK to wear velvet during the day?

Nevertheless, the heart does not exactly soar at the prospect of elbowing aside the likes of Kate Moss and Gwyneth Paltrow to bag that elusive slip dress. And oh, the dry-cleaning bills as the item is rendered fit for human habitation.

What a joy then, to discover that an affordable label has reproduced the Portobello look — sized, co-ordinated and sold amid airy minimalism. Oasis, with its 110 stores, has always tried to stay a little to one side of the main high street track. It has created collections with an identifiable feel or mood, that gesture towards a desirable lifestyle. The last year has seen the clothes become a little more disparate, as fashion goes in a dozen different directions at once.

This autumn, however, Oasis is right back on track, with two complementary collections that are what the fashion industry would describe as "directional". They are also ruthlessly edited in the way that collections in more upmarket shops, such as Whistles, say, or Joseph, would be. The Nostalgia line uses velvet, lace, embroidery and beading, all associated with antique evening wear, but uses them for daytime clothes. The Harvard collection includes more masculine fabrics, such as pinstripes and tweeds. The two groups are designed to be mixed together.

Lynne Burstall, design director at Oasis, says: "We felt the season was going to be more ornate and decorative. We also wanted to get texture in there, with tweeds and checks. Overall, we're doing quite a lot of fabric mixing, putting feminine Jacquard skirts under tweed coats."

Despite its individualistic feel, the collection includes quite a few basic colours, including plenty of black and red. "Our customers will want the clothes to work into their existing wardrobes, though they also want things that look a bit 'different'. We're always trying to get that balance."

Lest we miss the point of these carefully structured collections, the clothes have been shot in the Portobello area by Manuela Pavesi, a former fashion editor of Italian *Vogue* and one of Europe's top photographers. With this star treatment, the clothes come into their own. They boast a languid style that belies the modest price tags. The mix of textures and patterns is subtle, not loud.

Creating a successful high street collection is about picking up on trends fast, and swiftly sorting the possible from the impossible. Leather has great high street potential this year because even in the designer collections it has a retro, almost synthetic, quality that can be emulated at lower price brackets.

When one sees "trash" PVC skirts being paraded on the catwalk, one's mind immediately boggles at the price tag for something that ought to be available for less than £50. The main thing is getting the cut right, and this is the sort of thing a mass-market label can do to perfection. The latest Oasis collection clearly has taken both these concepts on board.

> We can now wear all the fabrics that were once deemed in bad taste

The *luxe* fabrics are also used to good effect. The little velvet dress shown here has that rather boxy cut at the neck, with a slight drape down into the bust, that designers — including Gucci and Donna Karan — have gone for. But it is casual enough not to appear self-consciously aspiring.

At the other end of the scale, corduroy — a resolutely casual fabric, and a favourite among the Portobello princesses — is used for a relatively formal knee-length coat. For later in the year, there is also an aubergine-coloured fake fur coat and a black coat with a fur collar, both of which capture this autumn's vampish mood. Spike heels, worn with more feminine skirts, offer a halfway house between bohemianism and the Eighties power dressing that is gradually creeping back.

Such footwear is, of course, utterly impractical. Portobello looks set to be full of women trying to wrench their shoes clear of the cracks in the pavement. Best not to attempt the whole Portobello princess lifestyle. Buy the clothes in an hour flat in a nice airy shop, and save the heels for coming out as a vamp at night.

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Mother's little liquid helper

It's not boredom that makes them reach for a nice cold alcopop, says **Maureen Freely**

"The husband leaves in the morning and the wife is glad to hear the door close behind him. She is free, the children go to school; she is alone; she attends to a thousand small tasks; her hands are busy, but her mind is empty; what plans she has are for the family; she lives only for them; it relieves her *ennui* when they return. Her husband used to bring her flowers, a little present, but how foolish this would seem now! . . . The evening is dull: reading, radio, desultory talks: each remains alone under cover of this intimacy. The wife wonders, with hope or apprehension, whether tonight — at last — 'something will happen'. She goes to sleep disappointed . . . and it is with pleasure that she will hear him slam the door next morning."

This is how Simone de Beauvoir described the housewife's lot in 1949. It is a triumph of negative advertising: read it and you easily forget that the job came with perks, too. A stay-at-home wife had some status in those days. She did not live in isolation. She had plenty of adult company — half the human race, in fact. She might have resented her exclusion from public life but at least she could turn on that radio and hear pompous politicians ask each other: "How will this important new decision affect the Housewife?" No-one bothers to take the part of the Housewife now. With the possible exception of Richard and Judy, no one outside the world of market research seems aware they even exist. Little wonder, then, that they've sunk to drinking alcopops.

This news comes to us care of John Philpott, managing director of the Spilt Drinks Company. Earlier this month he told a government inquiry that its alcopop, Jammin', was most popular with "bored housewives" who like to have a drink during the day, but who had qualms about smelling of alcohol. "With Jammin'," he said, "they can enjoy a drink on the quiet without their husbands knowing." Ministers at the inquiry are said to have been horrified at his cavalier comments. One denounced him as a sexist, while Ron Alexander of the charity Turning Point expressed concern that drinks companies might be pushing bored housewives into alcoholism.

It's more likely that the alco-barons were using bored housewives as a smokescreen. Independent research unveiled at a national seminar on alcopops this week confirmed that they continue to be popular with the under-aged and that they are packaged to appeal not to housewives but to ravers — a wise strategy, in view of other research showing that single women (in the 16-24 and 35-44 brackets) drink more than married women of any age. This is not to say that drink is never a problem with housewives. Certainly 24-year-old Amanda Ryan-McCurdy wouldn't say it: she has to appear in court this week after police found her driving 13 children in her Ford Escort while more than twice over the drink-drive limit.

The alcohol in her bloodstream, it seems, was from a party the night before. Most of the children belonged to neighbours who for one reason or another had not managed to collect them from a football match. It all sounds very odd and worrying — especially as the children in question were between six months and four years in age. Clearly there is a problem here — but is it fair to call it boredom? It's not a word housewives themselves use when bemoaning their lot. The ones I know complain instead about being *run off their feet, stepped on and taken for granted.*

> 'It's how I reward myself when I've done my day's work'

When they have very young children to justify their "unemployed" status, they can at least draw from a large pool of sympathetic listeners. But by the time their children reach school age, most of their confidantes will have defected back to work. From then on they will be "just dashing out the door" when their stay-at-home friends ring them in the morning, "unable to speak for long" when they ring them at the office, and too tired to speak at all in the evening.

If housewives with school-age children are to have any adult contact at all during normal working hours, they must befriend women with whom they have nothing in common. Nothing, that is, *except for the complex web of jumble sales, village fêtes, playgroups, school runs, ballet lessons, doctors' visits, and urgent errands that make their lives so fraught.*

In the old days, things were more relaxed because half the human race did this sort of unpaid work. Now that the domestic sphere has been downsized, the burden every individual housewife has to carry is much, much heavier. They are forever finding themselves in situations where they just can't say no.

The worst part, they say, is that people think they're doing you a favour by keeping you busy. "It will get you out of the *house*," *head teachers say when they lumber you with the promises auction.* "It will be a *nice change of scene*," *husbands and in-laws say, when they need a lift to* an airport on the other side of the country. Then, when you get them there, they ask: "When are you going back to do some *proper* work?" I doubt anyone would have dared say that to one of Simone's housewives.

The worst offenders in this regard, my friends tell me, are housewife-turned-workaholics like me. We *understand*, you see, but oh so condescendingly. So every time they admit to us some common-or-garden adult discontent — a snippy husband, a wayward teenager — we tell them how much less "dependent" and "*enmeshed*" *they will be if they find some way to* "use" *their minds.*

It's this sort of friendly advice that sends so many housewives scrambling for alibis. They start talking frantically about the courses they might take, the interior decorating businesses they'll be setting up after they've run nine marathons. Hobbies that used to be pleasures now become badges.

"I don't work, but I sometimes repair harpsichords," they say. Or, "I was reading such a fascinating philosopher yesterday after I did six hours in my vegetable garden." Why isn't it enough to say that they are proud to have created households that are all of a piece, and that *plenty of people benefit from their being on call 24 hours a day?*

If *women's work in the home has no* status, and *seems* to the outside world to have no purpose, it's partly — a practitioner at the Women's Therapy Link tells me — because it has no name. "It's not called management, and it's not an art or a craft" — and especially in the middle classes, it's often assumed to be expendable. Perhaps this explains why so many housewives I know suffer from depression, and why, as they grow older, they become so worried about "being replaced". All too often, their fears come true.

That's my theory, anyway, about that po-faced Chanel mother a friend spotted knocking back glasses of whisky at the pub next to her children's school. Not to mention the agitated blonde with a Spacewagon *full of children who beat me to that phone booth at my health club to spend 40 minutes telling some man no one had made her feel "this way" since she'd married "that bastard".*

My health club attracts *housewives of all ages. Some of the older ones also heard* snatches of the conversation, and in the changing room later they did a lot of communal eyebrow raising. They thought the woman was a disgrace to the calling because they do see a purpose in their lives. As do all their families: they are forever racing off to distant continents to meet their children's childcare emergencies. They do so many favours for everyone else, myself included, that they should register as charities.

August is a particularly difficult month, because of all those family visits. "They won't have a simple meal," I heard one woman complain. "My son says, 'what shall we eat?' I say, 'what about boil-in-the-bag fish?' He and his wife cry, 'oh no Mum, we must have pesto this and pesto that and walnut oil for the salad.' And off we go to Sainsbury's to buy all those little jars . . ."

Another woman had just shocked her vegetarian daughter-in-law by serving a jelly ("How was I to know there was bone marrow in gelatine?"). A third confessed she had come for a swim to get away from her retired husband (they all sigh when anyone mentions a retired husband) who had gone haywire with their new Dyson. "It's not just that he was vacuuming all night," she wailed. "It's his only topic of conversation. How many dog hairs it had picked up in the last hour. What I'd missed last time in the far corner. How filthy the house must have been before he came to the rescue. I was tempted to remind him *how long I'd been asking for a new vacuum cleaner, but I didn't like to say." They never do, which may explain why some might decide to treat themselves to Prozac, Valium, or a nice, cold alcopop.*

"It's how I reward myself when everything's organised and I've done my day's work," one housewife friend tells me. Her poison is Hooch, and she always has "one or two" lurking at the back of the refrigerator. "And what's wrong with that?" Granted, it is dangerous to get into the habit of secret, solitary drinking. But housewives are not children, and an alcopop does not equal perdition. It seems unfair to expect them to proclaim the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about their every little drinkie while *remaining otherwise discreet and self-effacing.* Unfair and unwise. Just imagine *how we'd all suffer if they stopped* "taking the edge off things" — and felt compelled by their new sharp focus to say what they thought.

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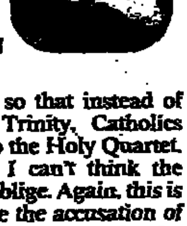
Language lesson + Women's business + Adding to the shame + Stars split

The linguistic sex bullies

Nigella Lawson



THE late Kingsley Amis was always scathing about Welsh people's insistence on having words spelt out in their own language. I remember him, at a *Spectator* lunch, expatiating wonderfully — with characteristically eloquent ire — *on the idiocy of the signs for "Tacsi" underneath, and presumably to clarify, the signs for "Taxi" when*, as he pointed out, there was hardly any room for confusion as it was.

He chose to miss the point, to refuse to see the argument as political rather than linguistic, or indeed, to acknowledge that the two are inevitably intertwined. He shared something here with the Post-Moderns, to whom he most apoplectically did not belong, in his apparent acceptance of the transparency of language. *Words are imbued with a meaning other than the one they obviously signify;* they are not just ciphers.

We know what the Welsh mean by spelling taxi tacsi. If we are being honest, we also know what the Equal Opportunities Commission is about in trying to get rid of gender-distinctions in what is a gender-distinguishing language, but I wish we could hear the elder Amis's opinions on it. Too late for that, of course, and I acknowledge we know, too, what they'd be.

In theory, there is much to splutter about. The idea of the EOC telling the Welsh to mend their sexist ways and change their noun-endings accordingly is, on initial reading, astonishing. This is not because I pooh-pooh the idea of language being sexist: it *is* sexist. Ours isn't particularly — we have merely the problem of universal and supposedly neutral application of the male pronoun to bother our pretty little heads about — but, even at age 12 I remember the justified irritation about being told by my French teacher that "the male always takes precedence".

And don't let anyone tell you that such things do not signify. Of course they do — and I advise you to buy a copy of Dale Spender's Man Made Language (Pandora Press, £7.99) forthwith. But the difficulty is, even while acknowledging that language is sexist, there are historical reasons for its being so. Can an edict overturn history? It certainly cannot rewrite it, and shouldn't try.

Religion is a moot point, too: the Pope is being implored to "upgrade" the Virgin Mary, so that instead of the Holy Trinity, Catholics can pray to the Holy Quartet. Somehow, I can't think the Pope will oblige. Again, this is *not because the accusation of sexism is unfounded in the Roman Catholic Church, but* because it is its very foundation.

But linguistically, the Welsh have more of a problem than most. It's not just that, like the Germans, they have different words for a man and a woman doing the same thing (*Lehrer* and *athro* being the German and Welsh, respectively, *for a male teacher, Lehrerin or athrawes* for a female one), which the modern sensibility cannot tolerate, but that, in some cases, only a male form exists. There are no female forms for doctor or solicitor, for example. And so the EOC has asked Welsh academics to see how newer forms might be evolved.

I believe in the organic development of language: you cannot bully anyone into "correct usage", since correct usage is, by definition, how language is being used. But *here some gentle nudging might be in order. I welcome in our own language the use of the singular "they", purely on the ground that it is better than "him or her" — and for* all my linguistic tolerance, I shrink from the use of him to include her.

But before anyone gets too worked up about "politically correct usage", they should remember two things: *none of this is to be enforced* — we are talking, politely, guidelines here; and there is only one test, the everyday use of language itself. Such matters are unarguably democratic: let the people speak.

No place for men in women's business

DO not think, though, *that I am* — as current terminology *has it* — particularly gender-sensitive as the current terminology has it. Most of the time *I am irritated* rather than persuaded by accusations of sexism. We seem to believe these *days* that to make any distinction is wrong, and must be based on deficient ideologies.

Not so, of course — and forgive my indelicacy if I illustrate the point by drawing your attention to the heated argument over a "menstrual cup" called Instead and the advertising thereof. The company that owns the product seems to be taking its name seriously: it has disqualified men from producing the campaign to alert us to it. The advertising men bleat "sexism", and say how unjustified and unfair such a ruling is.

Everyone now declares the end of politics, but surely we are witnessing the reverse: that is to say, the politicisation of everything. This decision is about commerce and selling and it does, I'm afraid, make sense. Men are not going to be using or buying this product, and one can forgive the company that makes it for believing that their approach might thus be irrelevant. But for all the fuss that the men are making, you could be forgiven for thinking it is not only women who bleed.

● *I don't know why everyone's getting in such a flap about the Germans being brought in to help in building the Greenwich Dome. If we used good old British builders — and I speak from experience — I shouldn't think we'd get it finished in time for the next millennium.*

Another fateful seven

SHOWBIZ gossip is not my field, nor it *is even my interest.* Nevertheless — and *for what it's worth* — it has come to me why Brad Pitt and Gwyneth Paltrow have ended their engagement. The film *Seven Years in Tibet*, starring Pitt, has been recalled by the Hollywood studio that *made it* after *Stern* magazine claimed the central character (Pitt) had been a Nazi *stormtrooper*. Ms Paltrow, for all her pale Quaker looks, is Jewish; the wedding was to take place in a synagogue. The facts speak for themselves, no?

A graceless Kelly

IT makes no sense for Kelly Fisher to accuse Dodi Fayed of humiliating her. Until she made her stand, only her friends were privy to her humiliation — now the whole world is. Have some people no shame? And apart from money, what can she hope to gain from all this? If she thinks she will win our sympathy, she is severely misguided. All is not fair in love, and the more she tells us how ill she was used, the less we all think of her.

There is some shame in being dumped, there is almost a smell about it. To draw attention to it is to add to the stench. Mr Fayed's ex-wife says Ms Fisher told her she had dumped him: how much better she would be feeling now if she'd stuck to that story.

Thomas Mann wrote (in the book that was my teenage passion, *Tonio Kröger*): "He who loves the most is the inferior and must suffer."

I know this is an adolescent insight, but that's how we all feel. Ms Fisher arouses our contempt not, fairly, because she's milking this situation for all it's financially worth, but unfairly, because in protesting her love, she's convincing us of her inferiority.

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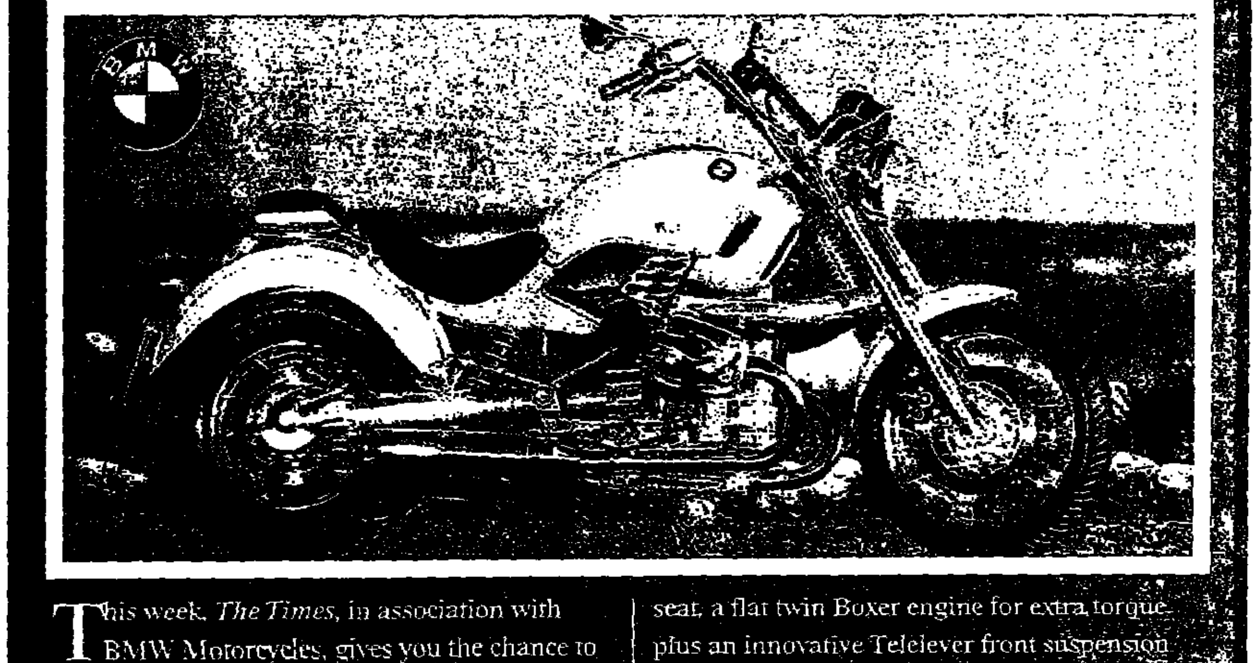

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Mandarin of the mandarins

Sue Cameron on the task ahead for the new Cabinet Secretary

Of all the decisions which Tony Blair took in his first 100 days, few will have more significance for at least the next 1,000 than his selection of Sir Richard Wilson to take over as Britain's most powerful civil servant.

Sir Richard will inherit a Whitehall torn between triumphalism and deep unease. Elation springs from the hope that Tony Blair's presidential style could mark the start of a golden age for the Civil Service.

Central control and closed-door committees, plus a lack of dogmatism on policy issues, offers senior officials the chance to enjoy greater influence than they have had for decades. Yet new Labour's approach to politics could lead as easily to traditional civil servants being marginalised, their role usurped by outsiders more congenial to ministers.

Sir Richard, who will succeed Sir Robin Butler in the twin posts of Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service, stands to become the guide and confidant of a young Prime Minister lacking in any ideological underpinning. If he can deliver on the policy front, Whitehall's prestige and importance will be greatly enhanced. More problematical for the Civil Service is Mr Blair's style of government — the shifting of the political debate away from the public arena to the conference rooms of Whitehall, where it can be better controlled by No 10.

Sir Richard stands to become Blair's confidant

Madam Speaker has already started voicing publicly her concern at the way the Government has been previewing major announcements to the media before telling the Commons — so maximising the influence of spin-doctors and minimising that of MPs. Meanwhile, ministers have been ordered formally to clear every speech and every media lunch with No 10.

And the invitation to the Liberal Democrats to sit on a Cabinet committee discussing constitutional issues will effectively gag them. They will be required to observe confidentiality on all business discussed in the committee. Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown will be unable even to tell his backbenchers when he agrees or — more important — disagrees with Mr Blair.

At first sight all this may seem to be tailor-made for Whitehall. If the politicians encounter problems in hammering out consensus deals behind closed doors, help will be at hand from Sir Richard with the massed ranks of the senior Civil Service shimmering at his back.

"The civil servants will love it," says Professor Peter Hennessy, doyen of Whitehall watchers. "For years most of them have been going to Brussels regularly and they've honed their brokering skills over there. Now they'll be able to use them here."

There is a potential downside in all this for Whitehall. The Scott report revealed the ineptitude and self-interest of Whitehall's culture of confidentiality. In the eyes of the public, the Civil Service is still on probation. A repeat performance will not be tolerated.

Yet in the run-up to the next election, Mr Ashdown may have every incentive to walk out of the committee amid a hail of acrimonious revelation about the deals done. After all, there is little point in voting for the Liberal Democrats if they have become a mere cadet branch of the Labour Party.

Mr Blair's consensus politics will pose a further dilemma for Whitehall. As one former Permanent Secretary remarked: "Show me a piece of legislation based on consensus and I reach for my gun."

Not all the Commons criticism of government policy is of the synthetic, stage-army kind that has so sickened the public. Without the bombardment of parliamentary scrutiny, there is a good chance that consensus legislation will be bad legislation leading to the kind of major policy failures that undermine the standing of politicians in the eyes of the public and of civil servants in the eyes of their ministers.

There have been enough examples in the past from the Child Support Agency to the poll tax. Mr Blair's manner of government poses another, even more serious risk, for Whitehall. Traditional, impartial, civil servants could find themselves being replaced by outsiders committed to Labour. There is concern that this is happening already.

Jill Rutter, the Treasury's director of information, has just resigned after three months of being systematically bypassed by the Chancellor and his Labour press secretary, Charlie Whelan. She was left sitting isolated in the august Treasury building, while Mr Whelan sat in the Red Lion over the road spinning the latest line to journalists.

Two other directors of information have also been sent on gardening leave, a Civil Service euphemism for suspension. Their departure may be coincidence or the result of clumsy handling. Or it may be the start of a purge that goes far beyond press officers. What is certain is that the fate of the Whitehall Three will send a frisson around the Civil Service.

Sir Richard will play a crucial role in deciding the fate of his own Whitehall troops and of the Blair Government itself. Before he takes over in the new year, he will have the chance to influence a number of key Whitehall appointments.

Some half a dozen Permanent Secretary posts — the top Civil Service jobs in each department — are becoming vacant. This will give Sir Richard the chance to strengthen links to new Labour ministers and to put his own stamp on Whitehall. We might then start to see who is going to mould whom.

Shades of the Old Vic

Theatres are not just bricks and mortar, they are home to the spirits of the past

Simon Jenkins

Every time a theatre closes, a little something in us dies. Other arts are closet passions. In a theatre the community cries and laughs collectively. It argues, hopes and is afraid. Shut a concert hall and you amputate a cultural limb. Close a theatre and you lobotomise the soul.

Or so theatre people would have us believe. Once again in its 180-year history, London's most famous theatre, the Old Vic, is "under threat". Its benefactors of the past 15 years, the Mervishes of Toronto, are putting the place up for sale in December. The new company formed by Sir Peter Hall will have strutted just one brief season on its stage. Pending a buyer — and theatre millionaires this week denied all interest — the old lady of Waterloo will again wear widow's weeds.

Does it matter? The Vic was always a commercial monster. It was built after the opening of Waterloo Bridge in 1818 to bring glamour to the South Bank marshes. Streets such as The Cut and Lower Marsh reflected its grim environs. The first owner was the stagestruck son of a rich merchant, Joseph Glossop. He had to supply flares and foot patrols to defend visitors from rats the size of dogs and from bands of pickpockets and garrotters. When Hazlitt came to a performance, he declared the audience mostly "prostitutes and mountebanks".

The Vic's most famous era was in the first half of this century under Lilian Baylis. She had a talent for staging popular classics while also balancing the books. "Lord God send me a good actor, but send him cheap," was her motto. She never watched the plays, but by launching the careers of the greatest names in 20th-century drama, Baylis invested the Old Vic with an aura of invincibility that has lasted ever since. Who could bring down a curtain on a stage that had echoed to Laughton, Neville, Burton, Richardson, Olivier, Redgrave, Evans, Gielgud?

Acting is the only profession that requires its practitioners to believe in ghosts. I was a member of the Old Vic board in the pre-Mervish years and lost count of the producers who would plead for an overspend by citing the shades of the past. All seemed to believe, with Baylis, that an Old Vic director was directly inspired by Almighty God. Although God was mysteriously bereft of an Arts Council grant, His begging bowl was supposedly unrefusable. Baylis eventually ruined the Old Vic when divine revelation told her that "My People must have the best and God tells me that the best in theatre is grand opera."

After the war, Olivier's National Theatre brought the Vic subsidised salvation, until he left for his new Thames-side palace in 1976. From then until the arrival of the Mervishes, the Vic stumbled from crisis to crisis.

When other West End theatres were under threat of mass closure in the Sixties, the response was extraordinary — and not just from theatre people. The demolition of the St James's Theatre behind the Ritz and the Gaiety in the Aldwych saw packed and furious demonstrations. These darkened buildings were sacred, as if the Muse of Drama was locked inside and facing extinction. There followed a swift campaign to list most West End theatres as historic. Since then, I cannot think of a single established theatre that has shut for good. Actors and writers are replaceable, but theatres go on for ever.

This mystique extends beyond the living stage. Total hysteria surrounded the discovery of wooden supports of the Tudor Rose theatre on the South Bank in 1989. The response of the profession, led by Peggy Ashcroft and Ian McKellen, was that of pilgrims with a fragment of the true cross: "On this very spot the immortal Bard must have trod his hour . . ." they cried, pleading for nobody to touch it. They regarded it as a theatrical war grave. The "immortal" patch was left undisturbed under an office block at a public cost of £1 million. This was pure professional idolatry.

London theatres are the only secular buildings whose past use is given statutory protection irrespective of market circumstances. A sign over the stage door of the Palace Theatre makes the point emphatically: "The world's greatest artistes have passed and will pass through these doors." Actors are invited to become acolytes. Theatres are shrines, holy ground encumbered with saints and martyrs.

This antiquarianism seems at odds with the vitality of "live" theatre. The glory of drama is that it can be staged anywhere. This week in Edinburgh companies are performing in church halls, pubs, garages, private flats, even the street. Some audiences may need Shakespeare's Wooden O to "hold the very casques that did affright the air at Agincourt". The plays themselves need no such prop. Shakespeare's plays-within-plays were content with the Elsinore banqueting hall, the Forest of Arden or Quince's "this green plot our stage, this hawthorn brake our 'tiring house". They needed no National Lottery grant.

Most actors and directors curse the buildings in which they are expected to perform, new as well as old. Backstage conditions at the modern Barbican and National Theatres are Hadean. Seating at most fringe theatres is backbreaking. Old auditoriums contrive to suppress all but shouted lines, while amplifying the slightest audience cough. Visiting a West End theatre can be a miserable experience, forcing writing and acting to work ever harder. Perhaps the quality of the London stage is due to this need to triumph over physical adversity.

Yet I admit the central argument. Buildings do relate to the activities to which they give shelter. Parliamentary argument is influenced by the shape of the debating chamber. Religious ritual interacts with church architecture. A palace occupied by a monarch has an aura that is absent from a museum. I cannot visit the Albert Hall, or Canterbury Cathedral, or the House of Commons, or even the Savoy Hotel, and treat these buildings as mere inhabited archaeology. We fight to save old buildings not just because we like looking at them. We fight because they do hold ancestral spirits. Yesterday's cast list adds lustre to today's.

Of no building is this more true than a theatre. Show a film and the audience retreats. Begin the performance of a play and the audience advances. It enters into conversation with the stage. If architecture impedes this conversation, the play does not work. The past is embedded in that architecture, is part of its electric current. The new Savoy Theatre, rebuilt after gutting by fire, still sings of D'Oyly Carte. Nobody can visit the Old Vic and forget the actors that have peopled its stage.

The London theatre does more than honour these ancestors. Like the pre-Reformation Church, it offers salvation and indulgence to its present benefactors. The reason why so few theatres close is that rich people feel somehow uplifted by association with the stage. The Old Vic was founded by a stagestruck impresario. Stagestruck ministers and officials have sustained it since, as have the stagestruck Mervishes. A magic ingredient keeps theatres going long after their founding fathers have moved on. By hook, by crook, by subsidy, even by social security, they survive. As the Old Vic closes, the impresario Sally Green plans to rebuild Collins Music Hall on Islington Green. London theatres grow in number: there are now more than 100. The Mervishes were just the latest, and most generous, of angels. They reputedly buried almost £30 million at the Vic.

Peter Hall nearly made a go of it. In his preface to the memoirs of Tyrone Guthrie, another Old Vic impresario, he quoted the great man as saying: "The most you can hope for is to take a respectable shot at an unattainable goal," and then "run out into the rain". Before running, Hall and his modern drama director Dominic Dromgoole will have staged 13 productions in a year. They have challenged the National as a venue for old and new writing. The Vic is one of London's most comfortable theatres, air-conditioned and just 100 yards from Waterloo. It is a superb house. It will survive.

Money is not the problem of the London stage. The problem is in locating it. Theatres are like racehorses, yachts and quality newspapers. They operate in a market for unquantifiable and intangible rewards. Theatrical benefactors are longstanding players in this market, though at present sparse. Their reward is curious. They seek communion with ghosts. But the Old Vic is lucky in having ghosts, and to spare.

Paisley is Scotland's tragedy

Magnus Linklater says scandal mars devolution debate

It should by rights have been a triumphant demonstration of cross-party unity: three political leaders brought together for the first time by a common policy on the future government of Scotland. In Edinburgh yesterday the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, was flanked not only by the Liberal Democrat Menzies Campbell, but by the leader of the Scottish Nationalists, Alex Salmond — a man once reviled by Labour as the dangerous outlaw of Scottish politics.

But things did not go according to plan. Instead of keen debate on the prospects for next month's referendum, the questions from the floor nagged away persistently at events in Paisley. The imminent suspension of a Labour MP accused of smearing his now dead colleague, Gordon McMaster, has brought this seedy and unpleasant affair out of Labour's backyard and dumped it on the front pavement at exactly the wrong moment.

It has, of course, nothing to do with the referendum itself, as Mr Dewar was at pains to point out. But at the very least it is a dangerous distraction. If the polls are anything to go by, the vote is by no means yet sewn up, and opponents of devolution have seized on the allegations to undermine the Government's campaign for a double "yes" vote — yes to a Scottish parliament; yes to taxation powers.

The line being pushed yesterday by the Think Twice campaign, which is pressing for a double "no", could hardly have been cruder: "The Scottish people know that an Edinburgh parliament is jobs for the boys and they don't like the look of the boys on offer," said the press release. More insidiously, the question being asked at the weekend was whether Labour's Scottish headquarters had deliberately suppressed the results of a previous inquiry into alleged corruption in Paisley. There have been stories of letters, possibly forged, bearing the signatures of Labour's former Chief Whip and his deputy, which effectively killed off a damning report into the activities of the MP under suspicion, Tommy Graham.

None of this in fact amounts to a row of beans as far as the referendum is concerned. The whole point of the proportional representation system which will elect a future Scottish parliament is to put an end to the one-party domination that led to the Paisley mess in the first place. Labour's agreement to support the Liberal Democrats on PR was a handsome concession by a party which might otherwise have expected to control the government of Scotland in the same way that it has traditionally held power throughout the Central belt. The additional member system means that it will have to seek support from at least one other party to command a majority. At the same time, new Labour is determined to see an end to the old Labour style of politics in the West of Scotland, which Tommy Graham represents.

So Paisley is an aberration, a throwback to a dinosaur brand of politics soon to be extinct. But some of the mud is sticking, in part because the rumours are so hard to pin down. What, after all, is the charge? Corruption, vote-rigging, malicious rumour, or just the continuing existence of a petty fiefdom riven by hatred and suspicion? I know of at least four local inquiries into false membership lists in and around Paisley that came to nothing.

The Scottish Office has looked into allegations that public money was siphoned off by drug dealers. The Labour Party has tried to pin down charges of corruption. Now the present Chief Whip has conducted his own inquiry into the McMaster smears. All have found that the evidence is mostly word-of-mouth, the accusations unspecific, the witnesses often dumb. And the real enmity between the various factions makes it hard to decide when old scores are being paid off or when genuine information is being produced.

Clearly it is something that Labour has to resolve, and quickly, if the referendum is to have anything like a clear run. But given the inchoate nature of the affair and the long list of Mr Graham's friends ready and willing to defend their patron, a speedy resolution seems hard to achieve. That, in the end, is a disservice for "yes" and "no" voters alike who may be deprived of the chance to engage in the real arguments about this referendum. It would be tragic if this, the culmination of a century-long debate about the future of the Union and Scotland's place in it, was polluted by a seamy dispute about local party politics.

Help, however, may be at hand — and from an unexpected quarter. The best contribution yesterday came from Mr Salmond, whose party is pledged to eventual independence but who has thrown his weight behind the "yes" campaign. He is the most effective public debater in Scotland, and his party can deliver a formidable vote-getting machine when it wants to. It would be ironic if Labour's old foe became its most effective ally in the battle for a Scottish parliament.

Alan Coren is away.

THE TIMES DIARY

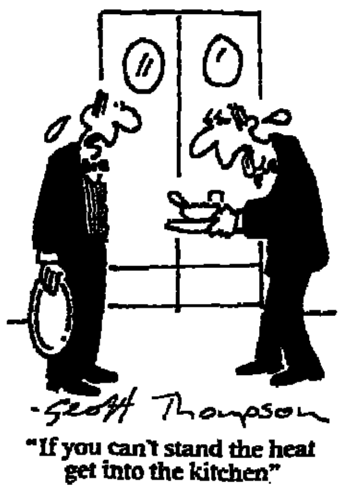
Mad idea

JUST when it seemed that there were no more Tory clothes left for new Labour to steal, there comes bewildering news from right-wing think-tank the Adam Smith Institute. Madsen Pirie, the institute's president, is volunteering to be Tony Blair's new chief policy wonk.

Pirie, who disclosed his love affair with Labour in *The Times*, now says he is throwing his hat into the ring for the job of head of the Downing Street policy unit. The post has remained unfilled since Labour came to power and the hunt for a suitable recruit has turned into a convoluted saga with both Bob Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, and Rachel Lomax, Permanent Secretary at the Welsh Office, linked to the job but not appointed.

Pirie, who is a youthful 56 with a penchant for Rollerblading and bow-ties, fancies following in the footsteps of Sarah, now Baroness, Hogg and the just ennobled Norman Blackwell, who served under John Major.

"I'm offering my services because I believe that the key to the job is creativity and the ability to think of innovative ways to achieve Labour's aims," says Pirie. "I'm not a Tory. I'm not a member of any political party." A Downing Street spokesman gives no inkling as to how Pirie's offer has gone down in the Blair camp. "It is not for us to comment on individual candidates."



"If you can't stand the heat get into the kitchen"

● *News of Labour's victory appears to have been slow reaching some corners of the Tory party. An invitation to a reception at the autumn party conference, hosted by the Conservative Board of Finance, boasts that guests will have the chance to meet Cabinet ministers.*

Folly paid

THE Queen's racing manager, the Earl of Carnarvon, is introducing paying guests to his Hampshire estate, Highclere. They will be housed in an 18th-century folly, which is being converted into a three-bedroom holiday home by the Landmark Trust at the cost of half a million pounds. The Trust will be allowed to lease the building. "The estate does not have the money to repair these buildings," says the estate architect, Michael Carden. "The Earl won't get anything out of it except solving his folly repair problem." The paying guests will enjoy a lakeside location and the chance to train their binoculars on the Queen, who regularly stays at Highclere while visiting Newbury races.

Snapped up

WHATEVER is on offer in Edinburgh, surely the strangest art exhibition of the moment is at the Blackfriars Arts Centre, in Boston, Lincolnshire. The subject is John Redwood, Shadow President of the Board of Trade. Back in February the Boston Monochrome Society took it upon themselves to photograph the Tory MP and reputed Vulcan as he toured Marshall's vegetable processing plant at nearby Butterwick. Now dozens of prints feature him in various poses, with all manner of vegetables and sporting a white protective coat bearing the word "Visitor". "It's flattering," says Redwood of the show, before hastily making a Euro-point: "The Brussels came from Lincolnshire."

Prints charming: Redwood

Mummy's boy

IN time-honoured tradition, Baroness Thatcher has flown to the side of her son Mark after his latest scrape. Detectives raided Thatcher Jr's Cape Town home earlier this month amid allegations that he illegally hired armed policemen as bodyguards. The prodigal son has spent a week holed up in the spanking new Labourdonnais Hotel in Port Louis, capital of Mauritius, but is understood to be back in South Africa with his mother before she, too, nips to Mauritius to give a lecture on the virtues of a deregulated economy. "Mark is a regular visitor to our shores," says the High Commission, cheerfully. But unions are planning to demonstrate when La Thatcher arrives, which is unlikely to worry her.

Model role: Winona Ryder

Tall order

MODELS hoping to relaunch themselves as actresses should send their CVs to Woody Allen, who is about to start filming a satire about the fashion industry. While Kenneth Branagh and Winona Ryder have already been guaranteed parts, Allen's casting tour of Europe's catwalks in search of possible candidates yielded only one girl to his liking.

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THE PAISLEY CARNIVAL

Labour in Scotland needs independent investigation

In three weeks Scotland will have the chance to make the most radical change to the constitution of the United Kingdom for more than 20 years. The creation of a tax-raising Scottish parliament will fundamentally alter the balance of the British State. What Scotland, and its partners in the United Kingdom, need before such a departure is a debate. Instead, however, of being participants in a democratic festival Scotland's voters have become witnesses to a carnival of scandal.

Just as the sleaze allegations surrounding Neil Hamilton overshadowed the discussion of policy issues at the start of the general election, so the state of the Labour Party in the West of Scotland is attracting far more interest than the details of devolution. It is not ideal that a constitutional innovation so significant as Home Rule should be put to the people after a referendum campaign conducted in a few weeks. But when those weeks are dominated by speculation about the future of Renfrewshire MPs rather than delicate questions of tax and trust, it is unlikely that the devolution proposals will enjoy the scrutiny they need.

The Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, has already expressed his irritation that the merits of the devolution argument have been overshadowed by scandal. His irritation is justified, but the fault lies with members of his own party. It is all too understandable that the suicide of the Paisley South MP, Gordon McMaster, should have caused public attention to fall on the manner in which power has been fought over and abused by Labour politicians in Scotland's wild west.

After the allegations of corruption among Glasgow councillors and the suspension of the Govan MP, Mohammed Sarwar, the Renfrew revelations, like the Tory sleaze scandals, have been seen as symptoms of a party too long in power. Voters have begun to ask if a Labour-dominated Scottish parliament would simply provide more tax-funded jobs for the party's good ole boys.

The voters' concern will not be diminished by Labour's treatment of these matters in the past. Labour politicians knew two years ago that, even by the robust standards of Scottish politics, strong-arm tactics were being deployed by Labour figures in Renfrewshire. The Whips' Office was informed. Questions were asked. And what action was taken? More recently both Mr McMaster and the member for Paisley North, Irene Adams, made repeated attempts to alert the authorities to what they believed was local corruption. Parliament was informed. Questions were asked. And what action was taken?

With Mr McMaster's death, and the leaking of his suicide note, action became inevitable. Labour's leadership dispatched the Party's Chief Whip, Nick Brown, to conduct an investigation. There is no reason to believe that Mr Brown will be anything other than as thorough, and tough, as possible. But will his actions be enough to restore public faith? Is it right that a matter in which the behaviour of Labour whips is an issue should be investigated by a Labour whip? And will voters be satisfied that an affair which arises from Labour's long grip on power and could involve the misuse of public money is being investigated by a Labour politician, however honourable? Would the voters of Tatton have been better served if a Tory whip had taken Sir Gordon Downey's place? Why should the voters of Renfrew be denied an independent inquiry?

It is in everyone's interest that this matter is dealt with authoritatively. Suspending should not become scapegoating, and those accused in their absence, such as the Renfrew West MP, Tommy Graham, should have the opportunity to make their case openly. Conservatives may be tempted to gloat but they, and others sincerely sceptical about devolution, should realise that their principled objections will no more engage the voters' attention at the moment than a sermon would a football crowd. For Labour, an invitation to outside figures to investigate the Renfrew affair would show a commitment to good government which would allow the party to make the case for a Scottish parliament with greater confidence.

OUT OF ITS DEPTH

On Greenpeace, BP has right, the law and science on its side

Greenpeace UK's latest North Sea stunt, the unlawful occupation of British Petroleum's Stena Dee oilrig, has ended it in court — but in less serious trouble than its actions merited. BP has offered to suspend its £1.4 million lawsuit to recover losses estimated at £250,000 for each day of the occupation, including £60,000 a day for hire of the rig. BP recognises Greenpeace's right to campaign. It asks only that Greenpeace cease its unlawful sabotage of its operations.

Greenpeace, which complained that BP's suit could have put it out of business, has greeted this offer with a gracelessness that may betray its ambition to pose as martyr to "big oil". It continues to claim, unfoundedly, that BP is using its muscle "to stifle free and open discussion about environmental dangers that will affect us all". On the contrary, the company has behaved with immense restraint. It also, in this particular dispute, has the more solid environmental case.

What Greenpeace is agitating against is the development of the new oilfields of the "Atlantic Margin", west of Shetland, of which the BP Foinaven field is the first to be exploited commercially. Greenpeace argues not only that this will damage the immediate environment, but that since unsustainable global warming would result from using the world's existing hydrocarbon reserves, it is folly to open up new fields. Oil companies, it says, should instead be investing in renewable sources of energy such as solar and wind power. It wants Britain to set a unilateral example, by phasing out the use of fossil fuels within 40 years.

The Government rejects the narrower argument that local environmental factors have not been taken sufficiently into account. On the wider argument, Greenpeace has half a point — as both Shell and BP, which plans to increase production of solar energy tenfold in the next decade, readily concede. But only half a point. Renewable energy technology may help to reduce fossil fuel consumption. For purposes such as electricity generation, BP believes that solar power could, in some climates, be economically viable within ten years. But renewable energy is decades away from substituting for oil and natural gas. Meanwhile, the priority should be to phase out coal, a far more potent greenhouse gas, and the most cost-effective way to do this is to replace it with oil and natural gas — as China, laudably, is making efforts to do.

If such realistic calculations offend Greenpeace's ideas of the politically correct, it would do most practical good by campaigning for double-glazing and other forms of energy-saving. In BP, which takes global warming seriously and includes in its corporate strategy conservation, transfers of energy-efficient technology to developing countries and research into climate change, it would find a willing partner. But such low-key work is not Greenpeace's trademark.

If Greenpeace is forced by the troubles it has brought on itself to retrench, that would create space for a more mature environmental debate in this country. In that debate, Greenpeace's antics are not only an irrelevance; they can even, as happened in the case of Brent Spar a year ago, cost companies and taxpayers millions, all to pay for a less desirable environmental outcome. Its talent for catchy slogans — in this case, the simplistic "no to new oil" — is no substitute for sound environmental science.

THE QUEEN AND DYER

A royal visit to Amritsar would be appropriate and helpful

The Queen's forthcoming state visit to India should, by rights, be a joyous one. Her love for India is abundant, as is the obvious respect in which she is held by Indians of all classes. A growing row, however, focused on her proposed visit to Amritsar, the holy city of the Sikhs, threatens to curdle the spirit.

Inder Kumar Gujral, India's Prime Minister, is reported to have advised the Queen to drop Amritsar from her itinerary. It is said that her presence in the city of the "Jallianwala Bagh massacre" would upset people, presumably because the Crown is still held responsible by many Indians for the actions in 1919 of Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer.

Historians, both in Britain and in India, are agreed that Dyer's actions represented the nadir of Britain's long imperial association with India. On April 13, 1919, Dyer ordered his soldiers to open fire on a dense crowd of unarmed demonstrators at Jallianwala Bagh, a little square in the heart of Amritsar. Sepoys blocked exits and emptied their guns into the gathering, killing 379 people. The goodwill towards Britain of many Indians died with them.

Yet Mr Gujral has erred in declaring Amritsar off limits for the Queen. Hers was to have been a respectful visit, providing her and her hosts with an opportunity for reflection and prayer. Amritsar is revered by Sikhs as their own "Vatican", and a visit by the Queen would also have been an elegant way to take account of the sentiments of those Britons who are themselves of Sikh origin. Many of them have come out in favour of a royal visit to Amritsar, as have senior Sikh leaders in Punjab itself.

Yesterday Gurcharan Singh Tohra, a senior Sikh religious leader, pointed out that members of the British Royal Family, as well as British Cabinet ministers, have visited Amritsar in the past. Mr Tohra, who commands a considerable following, spoke darkly of "people with vested interests deliberately trying to put the Queen in an embarrassing position". Whatever are the "vested interests" to which he refers, he is certainly correct when he speaks of the pointless awkwardness which has now been thrust upon the visit.

None of this need have happened, and there is still time for matters to be resolved. Naturally, the Queen will not visit Amritsar if the Indian Prime Minister does not want her to. By the same token, however, Mr Gujral must understand that her visit is intended as a way to heal wounds and cement important ties. It is not intended as a slap from Dyer, delivered vicariously by the royal hand, 78 years after Jallianwala Bagh.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Changed nature of teen pregnancies

From Mrs Victoria Gillick

Sir, Teenage pregnancies are not a "serious problem" as far as numbers go (letters, August 14). Throughout this century the pregnancy rate among 15 to 19-year-olds has never exceeded 8 per cent, and even today 95 per cent of teenagers do not get pregnant. Among schoolgirls the rate has never (except in 1990) even reached 1 per cent.

Within these comforting statistics, however, there exists a very real problem which has worsened progressively during the past 25 years: unmarried, state-dependent, teenage motherhood.

In 1971, when the teenage birthrate was 5 per cent, and the teenage marriage rate was 10 per cent, three quarters of all teenage mothers were young married women aged 17 to 19. But by the mid-1970s the scene had begun to change: legislation allowing easier access to divorce, contraception and abortion; devaluing of Christian moral values, marriage, and the "family unit" in the popular media; a downturn in the economy and other social changes combined to make marriage and birthrates tumble, while divorce and abortion rates soared.

A generation later we are faced with the consequences of this liberal anarchy. And not surprisingly, it is those at the bottom of the social heap who have come off worst.

Today, the teenage marriage rate is only 1 per cent, and although the teenage birthrate has almost halved, 92 per cent of teenage pregnancies now occur outside marriage, a third ending in abortion.

Ten years of "safe sex" education, and a doubling of the use of contraceptives by adolescents in the last five years alone, has only succeeded in sexualising younger and younger children without achieving any significant change in the under-16 pregnancy and abortion rates.

We certainly do need a radical rethink on the issue. More of the same can only make things worse.

Yours faithfully,
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August 14.

Hindley's remorse

From the Earl of Longford

Sir, As a faithful reader of *The Times* for some 80 years I have never been so dismayed as I am today by the heading of your article "Why the RA should hang Myra". Even if Myra were today the evil person still malignantly pursued by the tabloids you would still be forgetting your duty to her as a fellow human being.

I have known Myra Hindley for 29 years. I know her today to be a good religious woman, as do the Catholic priests who have attended her in recent years and the Reverend Peter Timms, former prison governor and now a Methodist minister.

The Parole Board has recommended her for transfer to an open prison, generally regarded as a step towards freedom.

No one could be more haunted than Myra is by the horrific crimes in which more than 30 years ago she participated as an infatuated young accomplice. No one could be more distressed by the lifelong tragedies she has helped to inflict on the victims and their relatives.

But she has struggled throughout the long years to make atonement, though that can never be fully possible in this life.

Yours,
FRANK LONGFORD,
House of Lords.
August 18.

A-level lit crit

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, In his article on the marking of A-level essays ("The pupils are up to scratch", August 15), Chris Ramsey singles out the following concluding sentence as a model of clarity: "*Candide* is rooted in its time, but raises questions which are still central to us: it is a text about what it is to be a human being, and for this, if for no other reason, it has survived."

Model of clarity maybe, but what does it say? It is a bland statement that could apply to any classic. Substitute *Anna Karenina*, *Hamlet*, *Silas Marner* or *Tristram Shandy* for *Candide* and it says just as much, or as little.

Could it have been a catch-all closure recommended by the candidate's teacher in order to leave a pleasant taste in the examiner's mouth?

Yours faithfully,
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St Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire.
August 15.

From Dr Margaret Davies

Sir, Mr Chris Ramsey may not approve, but I must say I think that "Emma Bovary is a bit of a loser" is one of the best examples of succinct language I have ever read.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET DAVIES,
Silver How,
Llanhennock, Caerleon, Gwent.
August 15.

Academy must embrace all sports

From Dr Paul D. Jackson

Sir, The main benefits from a single national sports academy (report and leading article, August 18) are the common goal of excellence, and the sharing of knowledge and ideas from a wide range of sports.

The full potential for wider application of developments in fitness training, skill acquisition, sports psychology, the application of sports science, and sports medicine is lost if not all of our sports are included. The sports that remain within the proposed academy will lose from this as much as those excluded.

The Government must review the original objectives for a national sports academy drawn up by the last Government after extensive consultation with those involved in the training and management of elite athletes. An academy that does not involve all of our sports is less likely to meet the objective of sporting success across a broad range of activities.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL JACKSON,
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August 18.

From the Director of the National Playing Fields Association

Sir, The disagreement over which sports organisations should benefit from the lottery-financed sports academy masks a much more important argument over sports and sports funding in this country.

No one disagrees with the proposition that we should be trying to produce more world champions in a whole range of sports, and to that end money will presumably be targeted at the potential superstars who can bring gold medals home for Britain.

But sport exists at the other end of the scale too — where a few children throw their coats on the ground for a game of soccer or rounders. The places where they can do that in safety are vanishing all the time.

The National Playing Fields Association applied for lottery funding to provide basic sports equipment for children and young people in a number of recreation grounds. The application was turned down in 1995, and our appeal against that decision waited two years for a reply.

A hundred million pounds can apparently be found for champions and high achievers, but a request for simple facilities to enable the nation's children to enjoy sport in a safe environment gets a very low priority.

Is this really the people's lottery?

Yours faithfully,
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August 18.

From Ms B. C. Morrish

Sir, Well might the British Government be impressed enough with our Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) to consider an equivalent here in the UK. However, your leading article simplifies its organisation and underestimates its success.

The AIS is not a simple institution where athletes of all disciplines train together. It is administered from a headquarters in Canberra, while most athletes train elsewhere, many near their own homes, under the guidance of state-run or specialist AIS departments.

The institute certainly has had some problems co-ordinating the sporting development of a relatively small population spread over a large area, but its success has been significant. Your emphasis on the one (admittedly mystifying) failure of Australian sport over the past couple of decades, namely singles tennis, is unfair. In other sports (including doubles tennis) Australia has captured more medals per head of population at Olympic and world championship level than almost any other country.

However, while the talents of many of our sportsmen and women have been developed through the AIS, it has been their identification and encouragement at grassroots level, through local clubs and schools, that has ensured a supply of quality cricketers, runners, swimmers, etc.

England needs to follow Australia's lead and create a national sporting academy which can co-ordinate the identification and development of raw talent from all sporting disciplines.

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Japanese war crimes

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir, I salute with respect those Japanese veterans who want the atrocities committed by the Imperial Army in countries Japan invaded and occupied in 1941-45 to be acknowledged and not covered up in Japanese school textbooks (report, August 14). That must not be the end of the matter, however.

On September 18, 1945, a newssheet issued by the Australian Military Forces Abroad reported that Colonel Suga, commandant-in-charge of all prison camps in Borneo, committed suicide at Labuan by cutting his throat with a blunt table knife.

As the Allies gained the upper hand in the Pacific, Suga, allegedly on orders from Tokyo, had planned that there should be no survivors of the camps to be liberated, and the figures tell the tale. By August 1945 there were only six survivors from 2,000 prisoners in Sandakan camps and 700 out of 2,000 had died in the camp at Kuching.

In prisons in Borneo for three and a half years, I was painfully aware that few of those who perished died quickly. They died from slow deliberate starvation, beatings and bashings, forced labour and, on the "death march" from Sandakan to the interior, from exhaustion.

A few Japanese suicides cannot expiate such horrific crimes. Nor are they the responsibility of the present generation of Japanese or the present Japanese Government. The responsibility rested ultimately with Emperor Hirohito, who offered to abdicate; but Douglas MacArthur decided he should remain on his throne.

Only Emperor Akihito can now salve the consciences of his subjects and stop the manipulation of school books by making an apology to the heads of states whose nationals suffered these dreadful brutalities.

Yours faithfully,
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Mir damage

From Mr M. R. Carter

Sir, You report (August 15) that some members of the Russian space agency want Vasili Tsibliyev to be punished for allegedly "miscalculating the weight of the craft involved in June's collision". Calculation of momentum would have been necessary to determine the force needed to bring the module to rest relative to Mir, but the equations require the *mass* of the craft, not its weight.

An object in orbit is essentially weightless, but, unless it is a certain type of subatomic particle, it cannot be massless. Though it weighed not a whit (or a newton for that matter) where it was, the spacecraft inflicted considerable damage by virtue of inertia, an inescapable consequence of its mass.

I hazard a guess that the Russian language must make a clear distinction between weight and mass or it would never have allowed the Russians to have a successful space programme at all.

Yours sincerely,
M. R. CARTER,
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August 15.

Sporting psalm

From Dr Ian Olson

Sir, The "chase" in which the overheated hart is panting in Tate and Brady's hymn based on *Psalm 42* (letters, July 25, August 1, 11, 15) is no bloodsport.

It is merely what in Scotland we would call a deer forest. Why not leave the poor thing there?

Yours faithfully,
IAN OLSON,
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August 15.

Intelligence tests

From Mr Graham King

Sir, The French psychologist credited by Tony Buzan with the invention of intelligence tests ("Tests that freed an underclass", Mind Sports Olympiad supplement, August 11) was Alfred (not "Stanford") Binet (1857-1911). His researches were later used by Stanford University in California to set up intelligence tests — hence the name Stanford-Binet.

Binet observed the different stages of child development — such as dressing, washing, doing up buttons, tying shoelaces — and gave a mental age to each.

Stanford University later related this mental age (MA) to the child's chronological age (CA) and produced an intelligence quotient: if the two ages are the same then the child's IQ is 100. With CA 10 and MA 12 the child's IQ is 120.

Tests such as these can be used with groups; but I believe that Alfred Binet's original tests were carried out on a one-to-one basis, as is the case today.

Yours faithfully,
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August 11.

Essex man

From Mr Ian Liston

Sir, Dr Chris Pond (letter, August 18) is surely erroneous in his assertion that Essex is God's Own County. That appellation belonged to Surrey until six weeks ago, when my wife and I moved to the new title-holder, Sussex.

Yours faithfully,
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Lifesaving string to whistle's blow

From Group Captain V. H. P. Lynham, DSO (retd)

Sir, If the Reverend John Ticehurst (letter, August 15) is ever unfortunate enough to be involved in an aircraft coming down in the sea out of sight of land I suggest that he might find the whistle attached to his lifejacket a great deal more use than a radio tracking device.

He will soon realise that number one priority is to get into a dinghy/liferaft. Swimming in even a moderate sea he might well be out of sight, and out of earshot of its occupants at 25 yards: at night he would almost certainly be out of sight at ten yards. That is when a whistle, with its penetrating power, can be "something actually useful".

I speak with conviction, having commanded the first long-range air-sea rescue squadron operating in the North Sea (and elsewhere) during 1942, during which time official records state "the squadron was directly responsible for the successful rescue of 55 members of aircrew". Not one of those rescued had taken more than three or four minutes to get into his dinghy and most ditchings were by night. Whistles became standard aircrew issue in 1941.

Yours faithfully,
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August 15.

From Dr J. A. Collings-Wells

Sir, Clearly Mr Ticehurst, if a regular reader of *The Times*, has forgotten an inspiring article that appeared in the paper on March 22, 1962.

Your anonymous correspondent recalled the night, 22 years earlier, when, as captain of a destroyer on convoy duty in the Atlantic, he rescued the chief officer of a merchant ship — one of 12 just torpedoed and sunk by German U-boats. He had been ordered to go back and search for survivors.

I heard in the middle of the ocean 500 miles from land on a darkish night the clear, penetrating sound of a whistle blowing. It was very eerie. I immediately stopped and went astern and as the way came off my ship I heard a man below me calling out: "Don't go away, that destroyer. Don't go away."

I looked over the side and there he was going down my starboard side on a piece of wood ... "Stop starboard", but I was too late and I washed him off his plank. I could hear him calling: "I can't swim. Don't go away", but I reckoned his lifebelt would hold him.

I took the ship back alongside him and picked him up. He was the Chief Officer of the *Whitford Point*. He had been three hours in the water and was, in his own words, waiting for a Sunderland [flying boat] in the morning! ...

Before landing at Londonderry, the officer came and thanked me for saving his life. "Don't thank me", I said, "Thank your Creator for guiding my ship to you, and your whistle." "A friend told me to carry a whistle," he said. "You had better find him and give him a good dinner," I replied.

Yours truly,
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August 15.

From Mr Geoffrey Atkinson

Sir, Mr Ticehurst makes a nice point in suggesting that airline safety jackets fitted with radio tracking devices rather than whistles would be of more use, should he need to call for help in the mighty ocean. I can tell him that airlines worldwide, including my employer, would welcome the device if it enabled them to track the thousands of lifejackets which passengers steal annually from seat pouches on their aircraft.

I plan an anthology of the explanations given by such miscreants when prosecutions commence.

In the meantime airlines will continue prompt replacement of stolen safety jackets to ensure that should passengers find themselves floating around in the mighty ocean they will at least have a whistle to rely on.

Yours faithfully,
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She, who must be . . .

From Mr Henry Wickens

Sir, I must take issue with your report ("Cartoon sexism bugs women in search of heroes", August 18) over one of the examples it gives of "non-assertive" female characters in children's TV.

It is perfectly clear that Little Weed in *Bill and Ben* runs the whole show. She wields the ultimate sanction for the under-fives, the Power of Bedtime, thus putting her on an equal footing with Zebedee in *The Magic Roundabout* (male) and the sun-god baby in *Teletubbies* (sex unspecified).

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BALMORAL CASTLE
August 19: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
August 19: The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the Children's Memorial Playground at Stirling Royal Infirmary NHS Trust, Livilands, Stirling, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

Service of thanksgiving

Air Chief Marshal
Sir Denis Smallwood

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood will be held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London, on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at noon. Dress for the occasion will be Serving Officers': Full Ceremonial Day Dress. Civilians: Morning Dress or Lounge Suit.

Those intending to be present are asked to notify the Ministry of Defence, Pld(Cer)(RAF) on 0171 218 2524/or 2628.

Birthdays today

Dr Basil Bard, former managing director, National Research Development Corporation, 83; Mr Gerald Bermingham, MP, 57; Sir Martin Berthoud, director, The Wates Foundation, 66; Professor Sir John Boardman, FBA, archaeologist, 70; Mr Finlay Calder, rugby player, 40; Mr J.M. Clay, former deputy chairman, Hambros, 70; Professor Peter Day, FRS, director, Royal Institution, 59; Mr John Emburey, cricketer, 45; Mr Roger Gale, MP, 54; Mrs Jane Garside, former chief commissioner, The Guide Association, 61; Mr Gus Macdonald, corporate chairman, Scottish Television, 57; Dr Helen Muir, FRS, rheumatologist, 77; Mr Robin Oakley, BBC political editor, 56; Mr Robert Plant, rock singer, 49; Sir John Plumb, FBA, former Master, Christ's College, Cambridge, 86; Mr Brian Rees, former Headmaster, Rugby School, 68; Baroness Robson of Kiddington, 78; Professor Anthony Seaton, Professor of Occupational Medicine, 59.

Inns of Court School of Law

The Inns of Court School of Law omitted the following name from the 1996-1997 Bar Vocational Course pass list published on August 13:
Legg, C M (Competent).

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Stephen Jones, Priest-in-Charge, St Paul, Harold Hill (Chelmsford), to be Vicar, Kippington (Rochester).

The Rev Ian Provost, Curate, Verwood (Salisbury): to be Priest-in-Charge, Redlynch and Morgan's Vale (same diocese).

The Rev Mark Rainsbury, Assistant Curate, Hampreston (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar (same benefice).

The Rev Paul Reece, Vicar, St Lawrence, Little Stanmore (London): to be also Area Dean of Harrow (same diocese).

The Rev Lionel Stock, Assistant Curate, Preston w Sutton Poyntz and Osmington w Poxwell (Salisbury): to be Priest-in-Charge, Stalbridge (same diocese).

The Rev Garry Swinton, Succentor, Southwark Cathedral: to be half-time Priest-in-Charge, Wandsworth St Faith and half-time Chaplain, YMCA, Wimbledon (same diocese).

The Rev Pamela Thomas, Priest-in-Charge, Weymouth St Edmund (Salisbury): to be also Priest-in-charge, Abbotsbury, Portesham & Langton Herring (same diocese).

The Rev Trevor Thorold, Curate, Oswestry St Oswald & Holy Trinity (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-Charge, Petton w Cockshutt, Welshampton and Lyneal w Colemere and also Area Local Ministry Adviser for Salop (same diocese).

The Rev Richard Truss, Vicar, Waterloo St John the Evangelist and St Andrew and Rural Dean of Lambeth (Southwark): to be also Borough Dean of Lambeth.

The Rev Brett Ward, Priest-in-Charge, Weston, New South Wales (Australia): to be Assistant Curate, Forton St John the Evangelist (Portsmouth).

The Rev Paul Wilkin, Assistant Curate, Jersey St Breade, Communicare Chapel & St Aubin, Channel Islands (Winchester): to be Vicar, All Saints', Squirrels Heath (Chelmsford).

The Rev Simon Wilkinson, Rector, Bishop's Waltham, and Upham (Winchester): to be Team Rector, Shaston (Salisbury).

The Rev David Williams, Vicar, Dore (Sheffield): to be also Rural Dean of Ecclesall (same diocese).

The Rev William Wilson, Vicar, Paddington St James (London): to be also Area Dean of Westminster Paddington.

Retirements and resignations

The Rev Peter Beard, Vicar, Pelsall (Lichfield) resigned on health grounds June 30.

The Rev Barry Jackson, Vicar, Heathfield All Saints (Chichester) retired June 30.

The Rev John Labdon, Vicar St Mark, St Helens (Liverpool) to retire September 30.

The Rev Norman Wyatt, Priest-in-Charge, Stedham & Iping (Chichester) retired July 31.

Other appointment

Captain Clive Deverell, CA, to be Resource Minister, Pitsea w Nevendon (Chelmsford).

SIMON SCHLUTER

A competitor playing Oware, a 5,000-year-old West African game, at the Olympiad in London yesterday

Obscurity comes into play

Mark Henderson reports on some of the more unusual mind sports

OBSCURE games from around the world took centre stage yesterday on the second day of the Mind Sports Olympiad at the Royal Festival Hall, London. British competitors were hoping for medals in disciplines such as Oware, Hare and Tortoise, Fanorona and Entropy, as well as more familiar pursuits such as chess and bridge.

Oware, a 5,000-year-old West African game which is also popular in the West Indies, is one of Britain's best hopes for medals. Ian Pacquette, of Maida Vale, West London, and Glenda Trew and Seth Bonti, of Deptford, southeast London, are all strong medal contenders. They had hoped to win an international competition against teams from Antigua, St Lucia and Ghana yesterday, but their opponents were unable to travel to the venue.

The game involves moving "seeds" between six holes known as houses, trying to bring to two or three the number of seeds in your opponent's house. If you do this you can capture the seeds and win the game.

The Oware Society is promoting Abbab, the children's version, in London and Manchester primary schools as a mathematics learning aid. "It is an ancient, simple and fascinating game," Mr Pacquette said. "It has tremendous educational possibilities because it is fun and easy to learn, and teaches counting skills and memory."

Hare and Tortoise, designed in 1974 by David Parlett, a 58-year-old Londoner, is a unique race game that involves no dice. Competitors can move any number of spaces in a turn but must pay for movement with energy "carrots", which are needed in exponentially greater numbers as movement increases.

"You have to judge speed against stamina, like a real race," Mr Parlett said. "It can be won by hare or tortoise strategies equally easily."

Entropy, a colour sequence game, and Fanorona, the 500-year-old national game of Madagascar, got under way yesterday. Fanorona, derived from the Arabic game Alquerque, was brought to Madagascar by slave traders.

It is believed to have mystic properties on the island. David Pritchard, who selected the Olympiad's games, said: "In the 19th century, the empress paid more attention to a game of Fanorona than to invading French colonists because the outcome of the game would determine the battle," he said.

Play also began in the Twixt competition, the game which inspired the board for the television game show *Blockbusters*. The game, invented by the 75-year-old American designer Alex Randolph, requires players to complete a line across a square board, blocking your opponent's progress at the same time. Mr Randolph developed it from a game he played at Chicago University known as John. This has similar rules but was played on the hexagonal tiles of a lavatory wall.

England and Scotland won their first medals yesterday in *Magic — The Gathering*, a popular fantasy card game based on the role-playing game *Dungeons and Dragons*. Steve Dannell, 32, a computer programmer from Norwich, won the Olympiad's first gold medal; C. J. Tongue, a Durham University student, won silver; and the bronze went to Kenneth Nicholson, from Scotland.

England also won silver and bronze in the beginners' backgammon tournament, which was won by the American Richard Biddle.

The Mind Sports Olympiad, which includes *The Times* Crossword Championship, is sponsored by the insurance group Skandia and supported by *The Times*.

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Diascias flourish at RHS show

By Alan Toogood
HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the prime movers in popularising diascias — low, spreading, free-flowering perennials that are filling many patio containers and hanging baskets up and down the country — is Jimmy Jones, of Penhow Nurseries, Netherwent Magor, Gwent.

Although their flowering season, which started in spring, is coming to an end, Mr Jones' display at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show illustrates just how much flower diascias are capable of producing at even this time of year. He is featuring one of the newest hybrids from breeder Hector Harrison, *Diascia* "Elizabeth", a superb hanging-basket plant with coral-pink flowers.

Jimmy Jones also grows perennial nemesias, similar plants to diascias for patio containers, and his own *Nemesia* "Penhow Pride" is creating a fine display of blush, violet-centred flowers. The show, which opened in Westminster yesterday, is strong on popular summer-flowering perennials and ornamental grasses, but there is a sprinkling of unusual plants, too, such as the variegated bramble from P. W. Plants, of Kenninghall, Norfolk. *Rubus fruticosus* "Variegatus" is recommended for a patio container where it would make a change from the ubiquitous ivies with its deep green, white-edged evergreen leaves. Unlike its wild relatives, it is a slow grower.

Roses are not seen too often at the RHS Westminster shows so the display from Burrows Roses, of Dale Abbey, Derbyshire, is welcome. It features the superb 1996 introduction, "Joanna Lumley", a bushy disease-resistant hybrid tea with fragrant, creamy apricot rain-tolerant flowers set against rich green glossy foliage which is flushed with copper-red when young.

RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey, has repeated its exhibit staged at the flower show held there last week — a display of kohlrabi, marrows and tomatoes (including many unusual cultivars) from the current trials at Wisley. Additionally there are super-sweet cultivars of sweet corn which have received the Award of Garden Merit in these trials: "Northern Extra Sweet", "Ovation" and "Start Up".

The show is on the small side, possibly because of several other flower shows across the country, and is reinforced with a display of botanical photographs. Visitors expecting to see the RHS gladiolus competition will be disappointed as it has been cancelled owing to lack of support. It was too close to the gladiolus show held with the Wisley flower show last week, and the current spell of hot steamy weather has taken its toll on blooms.

Best photograph in show is a study of a white streptocarpus by E. H. Poppitt, of Worksop. Mrs C. M. Bowerman, of Champs Hill, Sussex, is the leading prizewinner in the heather classes of the RHS ornamental plants competition.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today (10am to 5pm).

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Benjamin Harrison, 23rd American President 1889-93, North Bend, Ohio, 1833; Raymond Poincaré, President of France 1913-20, Bar-le-Duc, 1860; Saul Tchernichowsky, poet, Crimea, 1875.

DEATHS: Martin Opitz, poet, Gdansk, 1639; Edward Herbert, 1st Baron Herbert of Cherbury, statesman and poet, London, 1648; John and Cornelius de Witt, Dutch republicans, assassinated, The Hague, 1672; Thomas Winter, (Tom Spring), pugilist, champion of England, London, 1851; Ellen Tree (Mrs Ellen Kean), actress, London, 1880; Jules Laforgue, poet, Paris, 1887; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, London, 1912; Paul Ehrlich, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1908, Bad Homburg vor der Höhe, 1915; Vilfredo Pareto, economist, Geneva, 1923; George John Bennett, organist, Lincoln, 1930; Federico García Lorca, dramatist and poet, murdered, Granada, 1936; Leon Trotsky, Russian Revolution leader, assassinated, Mexico City, 1940; Bernard William Griffin, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1943-56, Cornwall, 1956; Jessie Matthews, singer and actress, London, 1981; George Adamson, conservationist, murdered, Kenya, 1989.

Sir Ronald Ross discovered that malaria was spread by mosquitoes, Hydrabad, 1897.

Stainless steel was first cast, Sheffield, 1913.

Eric Liddell, the Scottish sprinter, refused on religious grounds to run in the 100m heats at the Paris Olympics because the event was held on Sunday, 1924.

The first nuclear power was generated in Britain from Calder Hall power station in Cumbria, 1956.

Russian troops invaded Czechoslovakia, 1968.

University news

Cambridge

King's College

The following have been elected into a professorial fellowship for one year from September 24:

Eduardo Batalha Viveiros: Simon Bolivar professor for 1997/8.

Sussex

The university has made two appointments to chairs in the history of art:

Craig Clunas, Reader in History of Art at Sussex, to a Professorship in the History of Art from July 1, 1997.

Deborah Cherry, Senior Lecturer in the History of Art at Manchester University, to a Professorship in the History of Art from September 15, 1997.

The following have been promoted to professorships from July 1, 1997.

Paul Gough, Reader in Electronic Engineering and Computer Studies, to a Professorship in Space Science in the School of Engineering.

Michael Hobday, Senior Fellow, to Professorial Fellow in the Science Policy Rsearch Unit.

Nicholas von Tunzelmann, Reader, to a Professorship in the Economics of Science and Technology, Science Policy Research Unit.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Colbourne
and Miss P.C.S. Souter

The engagement is announced between David, son of Captain and Mrs T.K. Colbourne, of Compton Bassett, Wiltshire, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Souter, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr M.N. Kingsnorth
and Miss C.E. Gooch

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. Kingsnorth, of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.S.H. Gooch, of Greens Norton, Northamptonshire.

Mr P.D.A. MacColl
and Miss S.E. Davison

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of the late Mr David MacColl, and of Mrs Wendy MacColl, of Slinfold, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Davison, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr T.S. McDowell
and Miss L.A. Grieve

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr James McDowell and of Mrs Barbara McDowell, of Flowton, Suffolk, and Lucy Araminta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Grieve, of Cransford, Suffolk.

Mr A. R. West
and Miss S. L. Houghton

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel West, of Burwash, East Sussex, and Susanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Houghton, of Childswickham, Broadway, Worcestershire.

Mr G. Wheatley
and Miss S. Hicks

The engagement is announced between Grant, only son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Wheatley, of Newcastle, and Sarah Caroline, elder daughter of Dr Andrew and Dr Anne Hicks, of Longridge, Lancashire.

Mr G. R. Williamson
and Miss K. E. Foster

The engagement is announced between Guy Richard, younger son of Mr Richard Williamson, of Langham, Essex, and Mrs Merrilyn Williamson, of Manningtree, Essex, and Katy Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Cannon, of Great Chart, Kent.

Marriages

Mr M. K. Jenner
and Ms E. Emling

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 9, in Alexandria, Virginia, between Mr Michael Jenner, son of the late Dr and Mrs Kenneth Jenner, of London, and Ms Elaine Emling, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Emling, of New York.

Mr R. J. Mackrill
and Miss C. Lillie

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 2, at St John's Anglican Church, Brome, Québec, between Mr Robin Mackrill, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Mackrill, of West Malling, Kent, and Miss Cynthia Lillie, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Lillie, of Montreal, Canada.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Bangor

The Rev James Ashley-Roberts, incumbent of Beddgelert, Penrhyndeudraeth and Llanfrothen, to become incumbent of Blaenau Ffestiniog and Llan Ffestiniog from September 1.

The Rev Robert Townsend, Cleric-in-Charge of Amlwch, Anglesey, to become incumbent of Amlwch from September 29.

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My son, attend to my words, pay heed to my sayings: for they are life to those who find them and health to their whole being. Proverbs 4: 20,22

BIRTHS

ALAMDAR - On August 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Hala and Abdul Aziz, twins, Soud and Dina, a brother and sister for Abdulla.

BARKER - On August 14th 1997, to Geraldine and Nigel a daughter, Anna Lucey.

BARR - On 18th August, to Rachel and Roger, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Charlotte.

BOOT - On August 19th 1997, to Darcy (née Temple Muir) and Steve, a son, Fynn Oliver.

COOPER - On August 9th 1997, to Andrea and Keir, a fine wriggler of a son, Blaise Freddy.

CORBISIERO - On August 15th, to Kate (née Hogan) and Giuseppe, a daughter, Orla Francesca.

FOIS - On August 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Carmen (née Montes) and Giovanni, a son, Marco.

GRAHAM - On 18th August 1997, to Jane (née Lindsay) and Charles, a son, Ludovic James Buckie, a brother for Cosmo.

HATTON-KRISCHKA - On August 16th at 4.36 am at The Portland Hospital, to Vicki and Peter, a son, a brother for Jorge.

HEALD - On 18th August at Rookswood Hospital, to Cathy (née Gale) and Chris, a son, and to Charlotte, a brother, Jonty William George.

HEDGE - On 15th August 1997, to Julie (née Mcleish) and Paul, a son, James Alexander.

JACOBS - On August 18th, to Alison (née Gordon) and Charlie, a beautiful daughter, Lara Kathryn.

JAMES - On August 15th, to Helen (née Ward) and Robin, Molly, sister to Jack.

KEEPER - On August 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda (née Anderson) and Peter, a daughter, Matilda Elizabeth, a sister for Joe and Charlie.

KOMATSU - On August 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Maki and Atsushi, a daughter, Kei.

MATOVU - On 17th August 1997 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Emma (née Peto) and Harry, a son, Joseph Nathaniel Bukenya.

McCONNELL - On 16th August at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Cathleen (née Hunter) and James, a daughter, Georgie Rose.

BIRTHS

MILLS - On August 16th, to Elizabeth and Derek, a son, Cameron James.

SANDERS - On 30th July 1997, to Galina and Dominic, a son, Alexander.

STEEN - On 19th August at St Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo, to Yumiko (née Hachinohe) and Jeremy, a son, James Kenzo, a brother for Emma.

WOODS - On Sunday 17th August, to Joanna (née Sturdy) and Martin, a son, Barnaby William Adrien.

DEATHS

BARNETT - Margaret Acton, née Wain, widow of the late Gordon, of Shipton Bellinger, Hants, formerly of Church Broughton, Derbyshire. On 16th August 1997 after a long battle against cancer, borne with characteristic tenacity. Much loved mother of James and Andrew, and grandmother of Alexandra, Emma, Hannah, Luch, Polly, Jane and Ruth. Private family service at Salisbury Crematorium, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for her life at the Parish Church of St Peter, Shipton Bellinger at 12 noon, on Thursday next, 21st August 1997.

BERRIE - John Yarwood on August 16th 1997, suddenly aged 69 years, of Broadway, formerly of Warden and Harrogate. Sadly missed by partner Tony. Funeral Service at St Eadburghs Church, Snowshill Road, Broadway, on Tuesday August 26th at 2.30 pm, followed by interment. Flowers to E. Hill & Son, Funeral Directors, Pershore, WR10 1HZ or donations to a hospice of your choice.

BURNESS - Sheila, (née Black), peacefully in Spain on 17th August, much loved mother of Edward and Edwina, grandmother of Edward and Josephine, widow of Edward Walker and daughter of The Very Rev. Dr. James Black and Florence Black. She will be sadly missed by family and many friends. Thanksgiving and memorial service in Edinburgh later in the year.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Major Gregory T.D. (retired) ("Jock") on 17th August aged 82, served with 2 Div. India and Burma 1942-45. Beloved husband for 56 years of Myra who extended his life through her care and devotion, much loved father of Fiona and Colin and grandfather to David, Andrew, Aniko, Catherine and Angus. Funeral at 3 pm on Friday 22nd August at Syleham Church, Syleham, Suffolk.

CHAPLIN - Dorothy (née Manners). Peacefully on 17th August 1997 in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary aged 90 years. She will be fondly remembered by her family and many friends around the world especially in Switzerland. Funeral Tuesday 26th August, service 10.45 am at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby.

CHARTRES - Alison Patricia (née Bean) on August 15th 1997, peacefully at home, aged 57, after a short illness, courageous throughout. Dearly loved wife of Michael and mother of Harriet and Alex. Service to be held at St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon, on Friday 22nd August at 10.30am. Flowers or donations for the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher c/o James & Thomas Ltd, Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey.

CHERRY - Carrol Elizabeth, died on August 18th, aged 55, after a brave struggle with cancer. Dearly loved wife of Tony, adored by all her family and many friends, beloved stepmother to Michael, Peter and Timothy. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Ferndown at 11.45 am, on Tuesday, 26th August. No flowers but donations, if wished, to Royal Bournemouth Hospital GI Cancer Research Fund c/o George Scott, Funeral Directors, 13-15 Somerset Road, Bournemouth.

CHINN - Susie died peacefully on Sunday 17th August aged 84. Beloved wife of Rosser and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Deeply mourned by family and friends.

CONOLLY - Robert C. Conolly Rear Admiral United States Navy (retired) aged 70 of Virginia, USA died August 12th 1997. Among his survivors is his wife, Ann Conolly, (née Dempster) formerly of Camberley, Surrey.

CONNOLLY - John Martin died peacefully after a long illness fought with bravery and humour, at The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher on Friday 15th August aged 45 years. Dearly beloved husband of Margot and dearly loved Daddy of Tricia, Kathy and Lizzie. Funeral Service to take place Friday 22nd August at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 10.00am. Memorial Mass will take place later. Donations, if desired, to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

EARLY - Daphne Isobel Kathleen aged 79 years of Boars Hill, Oxford, died peacefully on Sunday 17th August 1997 with her daughters at her bedside. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later. Donations for Daphne's favourite charity, Corrymeela, a christian community working for peace, justice and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, may be sent if desired c/o L. Hartness Funeral Directors, 11 Victoria Road, Bicester OX6 7QD.

ELLINS - Raymond Ernest aged 75 years in St Lukes Hospice, Sheffield. Beloved husband of Shirley and of the late Peggy. Dear father of Chris and Rosie, father-in-law of Jenny and Nick. Funeral Service to be held at St Mark's Church, Broom Hill, Sheffield, on Friday August 22nd at 2.45 pm followed by cremation at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium at 3.30 pm. No flowers by request of the family, if desired, donations for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, or The National Trust c/o G & M Lunt, 36 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0GB.

FEAR - On August 16th at his home in Exmouth, John Fear M.A., FRCO. (CHM), ADCM, ARCM., LRAM., One time organist and choirmaster at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London. Loved brother of Eileen. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church Budleigh Salterton, Friday August 22nd at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Hospiscare or The Donkey Sanctuary c/o Palmers Funeral Service, 45 High Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, EX9 6LF.

HICKS - Ruth Constance (née Sleigh), peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital on August 10th. Widow of Tom, stepmother to Peter and Nikko. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Wednesday September 24th at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, c/o Thorne Leggett, 1 Brenthurst, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9AR, tel: (01420) 488896.

JOSEPH - Henry Barnet Joseph KSG, died peacefully on Saturday, 16th August 1997 at home in Edgbaston, Birmingham. Beloved husband of Agnes, father to Nicola and Michael, and grandfather to Amy, Alex, Nicholas, Philip, Peter, Richard, Antony and Anna. Reception into the Oratory, Hagley Road, Edgbaston on Thursday 21st August at 4.30pm. Requiem Mass on Friday 22nd August at 11.15am followed by burial at St Mary's, Harvington. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to St Mary's Hospice, Raddlebarn Road, Selly Park, Birmingham.

KEMP - Harry George, on August 17th 1997, formerly of Romford and Norfolk. Widower of Annie Elizabeth and dear father of Tom, Mary and Elizabeth. All enquiries to Selim Smith & Co, tel: (01242) 525383.

KILN - Robert John of Hertford aged 77. Suddenly at home on 16th August. Lloyd's Underwriter, D-Day Veteran, Archaeologist, Local Benefactor and Author. Greatly missed by his large family and many friends. Private cremation. Memorial Service late autumn. Details to be announced. Family flowers preferred. Donations in his memory to The Butterfly Conservation Society c/o Alfred Scales Funeral Directors, 11 Church Street, Hertford, SG14 1EJ. 01992 582052.

LOWNDES - Roy Lucas, passed away quietly at his home in Auckland, New Zealand on Tuesday 19th August in his 86th year. He will be greatly missed by his wife Betty, daughters Caroline, Ngaire, Helen and Emily and his many grandchildren and other family members. A splendid husband, father and grandfather.

LAWFORD - On August 16th, peacefully, Denys Acland Lawford OBE, Commander RN (retd). Father of Jeremy and Michael and grandfather of Jonathan, Samantha, Dominic and Nicholas. Cremation at Oakley Wood, Wellesbourne, on Wednesday 27th August at 2 pm. Family flowers only. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Denys' Church, Little Compton, on Wednesday 8th October at 3.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to The Sue Ryder Foundation. Enquiries to A.L. Sole & Son 01608 644112.

MACLENNAN - Gillian Ruth Cecilia. Peacefully at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, on 18th August 1997. Gilly, darling wife of Brigadier D.R. Maclennan, much loved mother of Ross, Moray and Angus, and daughters-in-law Helen and Shereen. A Thanksgiving Service at the Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, on Wednesday 27th August at 3pm will follow a private family cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Trefoil Centre, Gogarbank, Edinburgh.

MARAH - Bob, died peacefully at home amongst his family on 13th August. Much loved husband of Colette, and father of Paul, Caroline, Jonathan and Justin. Funeral Service 1 pm on Friday 22nd August at The Church of Our Lady & St Edmund, Radley Road, Abingdon. No flowers, but donations to Bosnian War Orphans c/o P.L. Barrett, Funeral Directors, 81 Ock Street, Abingdon OX14 5AG.

McLARNON - Gerard Playwright died 16th August. Funeral Service at Russian Orthodox Church, All Saints, Ennismore Gardens, SW7 on Friday 29th August at 11 am. All friends welcome. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham SE26 6DZ or to the P.D.S.A.

MORGAN - John Butler, peacefully in Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital on August 17th, aged 87. Husband of the late Joan, much loved father of Piers, Gabrielle and Mary, and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation. Donations if desired for The League of Friends, Aldeburgh & District Community Hospital, to E.R. Button & Sons, 24 St Johns Street, Woodbridge IP12 1EB.

MINCHIN - Harry Richard. On the glorious 12th, in the pool at home. Funeral St Mary's Church, Brook, Isle of Wight, 4 pm August 22nd.

MORE-MOLYNEUX Christopher James. On 18th August in a tragic accident, aged 12. Beloved son of Mike and Sarah, and dear brother of Alexander, Katrina and Tristram. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St Nicholas Church, Compton, on Friday 22nd August at 12 noon, followed by Guildford Crematorium at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to CHASE, 147 High Street, Godalming, Surrey.

MOUNTROSE - On 15th August 1997, peacefully in hospital after a prolonged illness, Dr. Joseph Mountrose, OBE., KCSG., late of Harley Street, Wimpole Street and Caterham, much loved husband of Catherine and beloved father of Ursula Lloyd and son-in-law William, grandfather of Wendy and Ann. Requiem Mass at the Church of St James, Spanish Place, W1 on Friday 22nd August at 11am. May he rest in peace. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations in his memory to The Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

NICHOLSON - Roydon Joseph. Peacefully in his sleep on 16th August at Thamesfield Court, Henley-on-Thames, aged 87. For sixty-three years the devoted husband of Eve, and father of George, Janet, Peter and Louise. A Service of Thanksgiving in September is being arranged.

NIMMO - Peacefully at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh on Sunday 17th August 1997, (John) Atholl Duncan Nimmo ("Bussy"), much loved husband of Jean and father of Ian, Duncan, Mearns and Hugh. Funeral Service at Abercorn Church, near Dalmeny, West Lothian at 2 pm on Thursday 21st August, followed by Interment in Abercorn Cemetery.

PACK WOODIFIELD - Very suddenly on August 16th, Chloë, aged 19, darling daughter of Chris Pack and Patricia and Nick Woodifield. A deeply loved and special sister of Milly, Tarquin, Cosmo and Mungo. Funeral at midday on August 27th at Newbottle Church, Newbottle, near Banbury.

SHELDON - Sandy suddenly at home on 15th August. Greatly loved by her family and many friends. Funeral arrangements can be obtained from J.H. Kenyon, tel: (0171) 624-7024.

SQUIRE - Bridget Squire. R.I.P. Beloved wife of Ragland Squire, sadly on 15th August 1997 in her 83rd year. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday 21st August at 1pm. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JU, (0171) 834-4624.

SURIYAPRAKASAM - Ricci Poorani. In memory of Ricci Poorani Suriyaprakasam, Devoted daughter of Sivasamy and Anandhi, sister of Sakthi and loving partner of Stewart Enticknap, who was tragically taken away from us on 16th August 1997. To those of us who loved and knew her, her love of life smile and laughter will remain with us forever.

THOMSON - Doris Inez peacefully at home in Hayling Island, Hants., on August 18th aged 95. Much loved and respected wife of the late Norman Thomson, mother of Sheila and the late Ian Thomson, grandmother and great-grandmother. Thanksgiving Service and committal at St Peter's Church, North Hayling Island, at 4 pm on Friday August 22nd, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please with donations for N.S.P.C.C. c/o Grady's Funeral Directors, 23 Mengham Road, Hayling Island, PO11 9BG.

WILLIAMS - On 18th August 1997, peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Oundle, Northamptonshire. Alan James, dearly beloved husband of Susan. Funeral Service will take place at The Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor, on Tuesday 26th August, 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for The Diabetic Association may be sent to Abington Funeral Service, 170 Wellingborough Road, Northampton NN1 4DU, tel: (01604) 259922.

WILSON - Winifred, Religious of the Sacred Heart, died 18th August 1997 at Duchesne House, Aubyn Square, London SW15. Sister Wilson was Head teacher of the Sacred Heart Junior School, Hammersmith from 1945-1971 and subsequently served the Westminster Diocese for 10 years as a member of the Religious Education Team. Requiem Mass 2 pm Digby Stuart College Chapel Thursday 28th August. 3.15pm Putney Vale Crematorium.

WILSON - Enid peacefully at Murrayfield House Nursing Home, Edinburgh, on August 16th 1997, aged 97. Loving mother of Ruth, Monica and David and devoted grandmother to their children. Funeral Service at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield, at 1.30 pm on Friday August 22nd followed by burial at the Dean Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEWIS - Sir Kenneth Lewis. A Memorial Service for the life of Sir Kenneth Lewis will be held at All Saints Church, Stamford, on Wednesday September 3rd at noon. For further enquiries contact Christopher Lewis (0171) 490-7444.

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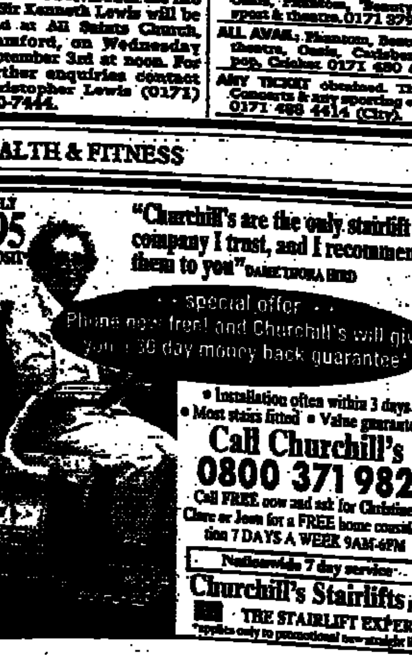

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STAPLES - John David, on Monday 18th August, in London. There will be a Memorial Service at St John the Baptist Church, 386 Clapham Road, SW4, at 3.30pm, on Thursday, 21st August. No flowers please. Donations in memory may be sent to: The Trustees of St Thomas' Hospital c/o Katie Pasio-Rigsby, Palliative Care Secretary, St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 7EH.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

PORTMAN - Gerald William Berkeley 8th Viscount today, his birthday. Darling Gerry who died November 3rd 1967. His courage during years of ill health, his real devotion and sense of fun will never be forgotten. A clean heart and cheerful spirit, Nancy.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN CHURCHER

Major-General John Churcher, CB, DSO and Bar, Director of Military Training at the War Office, 1957-59, died on August 2 aged 91. He was born on September 2, 1905.

Jack Churcher began to make his name as a strong-willed but invariably fair commander in the Normandy beachhead in June 1944. He landed eight days after D-Day in command of the 1st Herefordshire Regiment (TA) in 159th Infantry Brigade of General "Pip" Roberts's 11th Armoured Division. During Montgomery's "Epsom" offensive at the end of June, he found his battalion isolated in the bridgehead on the far side of the Odon. Towards dusk on June 30, it came under heavy attack by units of 2nd SS Panzer Corps, which were intent on destroying the bridgehead.

Being unable to contact the Gunners with his call for defensive fire, Churcher made his way back to brigade HQ, and with the Royal Artillery commander set in train a defensive fire plan, during which 39,000 rounds were fired in 4½ hours, saving his and other units. General Speidel, Rommel's chief of staff, reported early next morning that "the resumption of the attack by 2nd SS Panzer Corps had been stopped by very strong artillery concentrations". Churcher was awarded his first DSO for the action, and soon after was promoted to command 159th Infantry Brigade, which he had been instrumental in saving.

After "Epsom", Pip Roberts reorganised 11th Armoured Division into two mixed or "square" brigades (each of two armoured regiments and two infantry battalions). Churcher fought his brigade in this formation for the rest of the campaign: in "Goodwood", the attempted armoured breakthrough east of Caen; during armoured battles to help the American breakout at St Lô; in the advance across the Seine to the liberation of Antwerp; in the crossing of the Rhine; and in the final advance to the Baltic, where he arrested the Doenitz Government at Flensburg.

In his privately published autobiography, he records a number of memorable and sometimes bizarre events: the capture of Vimy Ridge without a shot being fired; the incarceration of German prisoners in cages at Antwerp Zoo; clearing the concentration camp at Belsen; rounding up Himmler, Speer (who was arrested in his bath), Rosenberg, Jodl, and William Joyce (Lord Haw Haw). He was personally presented with the gold-decorated baton of Grand Admiral Doenitz, which is now on display in the Shropshire Regimental Museum.

His second DSO was awarded in 1946 for his outstanding leadership of 159th Brigade during the campaign and its aftermath. Those who served with Jack Churcher soon came to admire his professionalism and disregard for his own safety, though he never committed his troops to battle without ensuring that they had the best possible chance of survival. Officers who jeopardised success were swiftly found alternative employment, while those who measured up to his standards benefited from his unstinting confidence and loyal support.

In his memoirs, General Pip Roberts described Churcher as "meticulous in his planning of the set-piece battle". His officers and men, however, admired him more in mobile actions, where his invariable presence near the front was a constant source of inspiration and encouragement.

The son of Lieutenant-Colonel B. T. Churcher of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, John Bryan Churcher was educated at Wellington and Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in 1925, and posted to the 2nd Battalion in the Channel Islands, where he gained his expertise in marksmanship. By 1931, he was an instructor at the machinegun school at Netheravon, where he became the driving force behind the trials of the 3in mortar and the Bren gun carrier. He recalled the infectious exuberance of David Niven, the actor, who at Netheravon took a disconcertingly humorous approach to the serious business of training for war.

In 1936 he joined the 1st Battalion in India, and in 1937 he was transferred on accelerated (brevet) promotion to the 1st Battalion of the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, returning home in 1939 to attend the staff college.

Shortly after the outbreak of war, he was promoted Brigade Major of 11th Infantry Brigade, commanded by the stern Kenneth Anderson. It was part of 4th Division, which was, at that time, holding a sector of the Maginot Line. It was from Anderson that Churcher learnt the importance of dominating no man's land by active patrolling, a lesson that he was to practise successfully during the campaign in North-West Europe.

He was on leave in England in May 1940 when the German offensive opened in the West. Thanks to misdirection by the War Office, he was too late to reach his brigade before it was cut off by the German advance to the Channel, and so he was appointed GSO2 to the improvised Beauman Division, formed out of Lines of Communication troops: with this he returned to England via Cherbourg.

Such was the shambles in France that he had been posted as missing. The War Office, however, reincarnated him temporarily as Brigade Major of 133rd Infantry Brigade before appointing him as GSO2 in HQ 1st Canadian Corps at Leatherhead, where he earned a reputation for uncompromising efficiency. After a brief spell as a staff college instructor and as GSO1 38th Welsh Division, he was given command of 1st Herefords in November 1942. In the aftermath of the war he was given the depressing task of disbanding a succession of divisions as a temporary major-general: 43rd Division at Celle in Germany; Northumbrian District; 2nd Division in Malaya; and 3rd Division in Egypt. He received his reward in July 1947, when he was given the substantive command of the 5th Division at Brunswick with 17,000 troops under his direct command. It was a challenging task, given the enormous administrative and logistic problems in the devastated Germany. One of his tasks was Operation Woodpecker, the felling of German forests and shipping of timber to Britain as part of the reparations.

He attended the Imperial Defence College in 1948, and went on to hold a series of key appointments: Brigadier General Staff, Western Command, 1949-53; Chief of Staff, Southern Command, 1951-54; GOC 3rd Division, 1954-57 (including the Suez Operation); and finally Director of Military Training in the War Office, 1957-59. He was appointed CB in 1952.

After leaving the Army in 1959, he became director and general secretary of the Independent Stores Association. In 1971, he joined Brown and Root (UK) as a consultant in personnel and training, and became involved in the development of North Sea oil and gas. He also joined a horse racing syndicate which had modest success at Ascot, Newmarket and Sandown.

He married Rosamond Parkin in 1937. They had a son and two daughters. He was widowed in 1993, and two years later he married Pauline Thompson, who had nursed him in his declining years. She and his children survive him.

ERIC HALLADAY

Eric Halladay, college principal and historian of rowing, died from cancer on July 19 aged 67. He was born on July 9, 1930.

ERIC HALLADAY's career epitomised in a unique way many of the attributes of Co Durham, with which he had a long association. The sinews of his life were learning, the Army, an Anglican faith — and rowing. Durham city is the proud but unobtrusive host to the oldest regatta in the country, and from 1981 to 1988 Halladay was its president and chairman. His authoritative *Rowing In England — A Social History* (1990) explored the contrasts of Tyne and Thames, amateur and professional with the breadth of perspective of an historian who had chaired the Northern Rowing Council (1972-75) and been a member both of the Tyne Rowing Club and Leander. He was awarded an Amateur Rowing Association Medal of Honour in 1988 and an ARA Gold Coaching Award.

Although a distinguished coach, he was not himself an oarsman: his selection as a steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 1993 gave him more pleasure than any other. As chairman of the board of its Rowing Hall of Fame, he brought an historian's approach to his involvement with the new River and Rowing Museum at Henley.

Eric Halladay was educated at Durham School, where he began his long association with rowing on the River Wear, and at St John's College, Cambridge, where he found inspiration in the study of Britain's imperial involvement in Africa no less than in the Lady Margaret Boat Club. He undertook his National Service as a second lieutenant in the 5th Royal Horse Artillery. The son of a vicar, he read theology at Ripon Hall, Oxford, for a year after Cambridge. After teaching at Exeter School, he was appointed senior lecturer at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1960.

In 1964 he became senior tutor (and in 1967 the first vice-master) of Grey College in the University of Durham, where his geniality, good sense, and fairness encouraged an atmosphere of friendly informality on traditional lines. He lectured on the history of Africa, publishing *The Building Of Modern Africa* (1966, with D. D. Rooney) and *The Emergent Continent* (1972).

In 1980 he succeeded Sydney Holgate as Master of the college, presiding over the admission of women, until in 1989 he modestly stepped down to take the post of Rector (and, as his successor put it, "steersman" of the college) in order to initiate an uncongenial but familiar aspect of modern collegiate life — a fundraising and development office. He was an active member of the Military Education Committee and secretary to the Durham branch of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Family Association (SSAFA).

After building up a successful boat club at Sandhurst which achieved a famous victory in the Ladies' Plate at Henley in 1963, Halladay went on to devote himself to developing rowing in Durham. On his initiative, the Durham University Boat Club was given a professional boathouse, and justified itself with a long run as UAU Champions before achieving its first win at Henley in 1978 in the Visitors' Challenge Cup. The 1981 crew represented Great Britain in the Under-23 international championships.

With wellington boots, bicycle and loud-hailer, for more than thirty years Halladay spent afternoons and weekends on the towpath of the Wear or on a launch on the Tyne, welding an extraordinary atmosphere of good fellowship and enduring friendship among generations of oarsmen.

Although he had looked forward to an early retirement, Halladay found himself unable to carry out his planned retreat from university life. In 1990 he was invited to act as Rector of St Aidan's College in an unexpected interregnum, and the following year he was appointed Principal at St Chad's College, a small independent Anglican foundation associated with the university and situated in the shadow of the cathedral. His years at St Chad's were among his happiest, with a congenial common room and collegiate grounds which ran down to the River Wear opposite the boathouse. For a time, the college found itself able to look forward in harmony.

In 1994 Halladay was at last free to enjoy family life and grandchildren, books, and friendships over tobacco and ale, in his house overlooking the Tyne in Corbridge, still coaching the university crews. He died after a virulent but short illness.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, two daughters and a son.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM PARRY-JONES

Professor William Parry-Jones, psychiatrist, died on July 20 aged 62. He was born on June 22, 1935.

AS ONE of the leading figures in child and adolescent psychiatry, William Parry-Jones helped children suffering from trauma not only in Britain but in war-torn Yugoslavia. He helped to develop the academic study of child psychiatry, and was an authority on the history of psychiatric treatment. He was also an adviser to the World Health Organisation and America's National Academy of Science.

The son of a doctor, he trained in medicine at Cambridge and at the London Hospital Medical College. After working in general medicine he decided to specialise in psychiatry, moving first to his native North Wales and then to Oxford. For his medical doctorate he made the unusual choice of a subject in the history of psychiatry and worked on the archives of the Oxfordshire private "mad-houses" in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

His study corrected previously unfavourable opinions about these institutions, and showed how historical knowledge can contribute to thought about contemporary medical problems. The resulting book was acclaimed, and the quality of its scholarship was recognised by the award of the Ralph Noble Prize by Cambridge University, and by Parry-Jones's election to a fellowship of Linacre College, Oxford — a most unusual distinction for a young psychiatrist who had yet to complete his specialist training.

In 1969 Parry-Jones joined Oxford's new department of psychiatry, where he helped to established the teaching programme. At the same time he decided to develop his interest in the psychiatric problems of young people, and in 1972 he was appointed director of the department of adolescent psychiatry in Oxford. Before long the unit was recognised for its excellence, and Parry-Jones's advice was sought on national committees. His historical research was now combined with clinical studies of behaviour problems and eating disorders among adolescents.

In 1987 he was appointed to the Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Glasgow University, the only post of its kind in Scotland. He soon became influential throughout the medical school and as specialist adviser to the Scottish Office and as chairman of the child and adolescent psychiatry section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland. His research interests widened as he undertook inquiries into the psychological difficulties of children with chronic and painful illness.

In 1988, the Lockerbie aircraft disaster led to a new phase in his career. He was quick to offer his services to the children and families involved, and continued to assist them long afterwards. He studied the immediate and long-term psychological effects of the trauma, and developed improved ways to help the the young victims. Internationally recognised as an expert on the consequences of trauma, he offered help to the refugee camps in Hungary, which contained many children from the war zones of the former Yugoslavia. He worked untiringly to provide support for children who had seen their parents killed. He and others obtained funding for further direct work with the children in Yugoslavia, as well as providing training for local staff. In 1996-97 his expertise was again called upon after the Dunblane shootings.

William Parry-Jones's achievements were based upon exceptional personal qualities and on a particularly happy family life. He had a quiet dignity and a natural authority that were combined with great humanity, warmth and humour. He was admired for his fairness and integrity. His ability to master detail and identify the important aspects of a complex problem contributed to his success as an historian of psychiatry as well as to his clinical skills.

His marriage to Brenda was exceptionally close. They had known each other since childhood. She created an ideal family life and as an archivist and medical historian she shared in his scholarly work. They published many papers together, and when their children had left home, they acquired a flat in Cambridge which they visited at weekends to work together on the special collections in psychiatric history in the university library.

William Parry-Jones is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

ON THIS DAY

August 20, 1909

The joint committee of the two Houses of Parliament examining the question of dramatic censorship heard some forthright views from Sir William Gilbert, who spoke with feeling about the Lord Chamberlain's withdrawal of the production of The Mikado, which Gilbert believed was for fear of offending the Japanese

THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN AND "THE MIKADO"

Sir W. S. Gilbert was the next witness examined.

The CHAIRMAN: Your long experience as a dramatic author has led you to form some conclusions as to the question of the Censorship?

Sir W. S. GILBERT: I am very strongly of opinion that there should be a Censor, but I am still more strongly of opinion that the responsibility of vetoing a play should not rest exclusively on the shoulders of the Censor, and that there should be an appeal from him to a body consisting of an arbiter appointed by the author, another appointed by the Lord Chamberlain, and a third arbiter appointed by these two …

CHAIRMAN: I gather that some of the leading dramatic authors are of opinion that there should be a Censor?

W. S. G.: Some of them were on that occasion.

CHAIRMAN: Why do you think a Censorship of some kind is desirable?

W. S. G.: Because I think that the stage of a theatre is not the proper pulpit from which to disseminate doctrines, possibly of anarchism, of Socialism, or of agnosticism. It is not the proper platform from which to discuss questions of adultery and free love before a mixed audience composed of persons of all ages, of both sexes, of all ways of thinking, and of all conditions of life.

CHAIRMAN: I have in mind, of course, the stoppage of your play *The Mikado*. You consider that an appeal should have lain in that case?

W. S. G.: I consider that it was an unwarrantable and illegal act altogether. I think it was an act of depredation to take my play, which was worth £10,000 to me, and without any communication with me to prohibit its performance.

CHAIRMAN: You would not wish it to be a *casus belli* between the Powers?

W. S. G.: I do not think the Powers were concerned at all. The music of *The Mikado* was played on the Japanese ships in the Medway, which I think was a kind of musical comment on the absurdity of the prohibition …

LORD NEWTON: What did occur in the case of *The Mikado*?

W. S. G.: I was informed that the Lord Chamberlain had forbidden the production of *The Mikado* on the ground that it might give offence to our Japanese allies. I was not communicated with by the Lord Chamberlain; he did not do me the honour of referring to me at all. He simply took my property and laid an embargo upon it …

LORD NEWTON: Then it appeared to be a case in which the Lord Chamberlain interfered, and not the Censor. The Censor had really nothing to do with it at all?

W. S. G.: I believe not …

LORD NEWTON: Should you think that the theatre-going public is dissatisfied with the Censorship as an institution?

W. S. G.: I do not think the theatre-going public consider the Censor at all.

LORD NEWTON: Then, if it had not been for this Committee many people would never have heard of his existence?

W. S. G.: Probably not.

LORD NEWTON: Then you think that only a small number are hostile to the Censorship?

W. S. G.: Decidedly.

COLONEL LOCKWOOD: Previous witnesses have said that, as they think the law is sufficient to deal with a book when it infringes upon propriety, they wish the stage to be equally free.

W. S. G.: There is a very wide distinction. In a novel when you write that Eliza slipped off her dressing-gown and stepped into her bath there is no objection to it, but if that were represented on the stage it would be a very different thing.

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Imperial Col, London	0171 589 5111
Keele Uni	01782 584 003
Kent Uni	01227 827 272
Kidderminster Col	01562 820 811
King Alfred's Winchester	01962 827 262
King's Col London	0171 836 5454
Kingston Uni	0181 547 7575
Lancaster Uni	01524 592 026
Leeds Uni	0113 233 3999
Leeds Trinity & All Saints	0113 283 7123
Leeds Met Uni	0113 283 3113
Leicester Uni	0116 252 5281
Lincolnshire & Humberside Uni	01482 463 950
Liverpool Uni	0151 794 6800
Liverpool Hope Uni Col	0151 291 3295
Liverpool Inst Performing Arts	0151 330 3232
Liverpool John Moores	0500 564 565
London Guildhall Uni	0171 320 1111
London Inst	0171 514 6000
Loughborough	01509 222 498
LSU Southampton	01703 216 200
Luton Uni	01582 728 554
Manchester Uni	0161 275 2077
Manchester Met Uni	0161 247 2966
Matthew Boulton Col	0121 446 4545
Middlesex Uni	0181 362 6565
Moray Inst	0990 100 809
Napier Uni	0131 455 4330
Nene Col	01604 735 500
Newcastle Uni	0345 887 722
New Col, Durham	0191 375 4210
Newman Col	0121 476 1181
North East Surrey Col	0181 394 3300
Northern Col	01224 238 595
North East Wales Inst	01978 290 666
North London Uni	0171 753 3355
Northumbria Uni	0191 227 4777
Norwich City Col	01603 773 344
Nottingham	0115 951 5752
Nottingham Trent Uni	0115 941 8418
Oxford Brookes Uni	01865 483 040
Paisley Uni	0990 403020
Peterborough Regional College	01733 673 66
Plymouth Uni	01752 233400
Portsmouth Uni	01705 876 543
Queen Margaret Col	0131 317 3399
Queen Mary & Westfield	0171 975 5511
Queen's Uni of Belfast	01232 273 079
Reading College	0118 967 5052
Reading Uni	0118 987 5123
Ripon & York St John	01904 616 980
Robert Gordon Uni	01224 262 105
Roehampton Inst	0181 392 3000
Rose Bruford Col	0181 308 2611
Royal Agricultural Col	01285 652 531
Royal Holloway, London	01784 443 882
Salford Uni	0161 295 5555
Salisbury Col	01722 323 711
Scarborough Uni Col	0800 216 124
Scottish Agricultural Col	01292 525 351
Scottish College of Textiles	0800 163 200
Sheffield Uni	0114 222 2000
Sheffield Hallam Uni	0114 272 0911
Southampton Inst	0800 847 800
Southampton Uni	01703 595959
South Bank Uni	0171 815 8158
St Andrews Col, Glasgow	01334 462 150
St Andrews Uni	01334 462 020
St Mark & St John Col	01752 636 848
St Marys Uni Col	0181 240 4225
Staffordshire Uni	0800 590 830
Stirling Uni	01786 466 166
Stockport Col	0161 958 3412
Strathclyde	0141 548 2813
Suffolk Col	01473 296 692
Sunderland Uni	0191 515 3000
Surrey Uni	0800 980 3200
Surrey Inst	01252 732 232
Sussex Uni	01273 678 416
Sutton Coldfield Col	0121 356 5671
Swansea Inst	0800 731 0884
Teesside Uni	01642 218 121
Thames Valley Uni	0181 579 5000
Trinity Col, Carmarthen	01267 676 733
Ulster Uni	01265 324 941
UMIST	0161 200 4499
Uni Col London (UCL)	0171 380 7365
Uni Col, St Martin	0800 731 7331
Uni Col, Warrington	01925 494 494
UWIC	01222 506 050
Warwick Uni	01203 533 544
West Herts Col	01923 812 565
Westhill Col	0121 415 2251
West of England Uni	0117 965 6261
Westminster Col, Oxford	01865 793 876
Westminster Uni	0171 911 5000
Wolverhampton Uni	01902 323 232
Worcester Col	01905 855 111
Wye Col, London	01233 812 401
Writtle Col	01245 420 705
York Uni	01904 433 020
UNIVERSITY OF WALES	
Aberystwyth	01970 621 997
Bangor	01248 382 660
Cardiff	01222 874 412
Newport	01633 430 088
Lampeter	01570 423 530
Swansea	01792 295 097

AGRICULTURE/AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Aberdeen, CD12, D2N8, D242, D962, D2LC, D200, D220, D240
Aberystwyth, D270, D206, D201, D205, D2N1, D255, L130, D253
Bangor, D200
Bournemouth, D253
Central Lancashire, 002D, D204, *
Cheltenham & Gloucester, D2G5, D2F9, D2F6, D255
Cranfield, D9N1, D200
De Montfort, 033H, 19ND, D240
East London, C910
Glasgow, D820, D821, D860, L130
Harper Adams Col, H330, D200, D900, DN28, D260, D2N1, *
Lampeter, VV1Q
Newcastle, D200, D244, D224, D202, D420, D253
Nottingham, D850, D200
Plymouth, D240, D208, D201, DF29, D2N8, D200
Queen's, D200, D800, I130, I132
Reading, D820, D8TX, D8T2, L130, D200, D242, D2TX, D240, D2TY, D2TF, L130
Royal Agricultural Col, D800, DN28, DN21, D240, DH21, N802, N800, DN2C
Writtle, D201, D2Y1, D2N1
Wye Col, D200, D206, D255

ANALYTICAL SCIENCES

Greenwich, Y120

ANATOMY/ANATOMICAL SCIENCE

Dundee, B120, B140
Glasgow, B140, B141
King's Col, BC17, C400, B150, B100, BB12
Queen's, B140

ANIMAL FARMING/ANIMAL SCIENCES

Aberdeen, D222
Aston, D224
De Montfort, D221, D220
Leeds, D224, D220
Leicester, B124
Lincolnshire & Humberside, D220, D221
Nene Col, D2N8
Newcastle, C305
North East Surrey Col, D220, D228
Nottingham, D220
Nottingham Trent, D239
Plymouth, D220, D201, DF29, D2N8, D200, D224, 022D
Reading, D220, C305
West of England, D220, D254
Writtle Col, D234
Wye Col, D222, D220, D224, D2ND

AQUACULTURE

Middlesex, FN9CE
Oxford Brookes, *
Paisley, F920
Stirling, C172

ARCHAEOLOGY/ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE(S)

Bournemouth, F400, F940, FF49, FF49P
Bradford, V600, V603, V601, V602, F49C, F4CX
East Anglia, Y400
Glasgow, GV56, V602, FV66, FV86
King Alfred's Uni Col, F400, FV41, *
Lampeter, LV66, LV6P
Leicester, LV36
Nene Col, V6Q4, V6V4, V6W2, V6R1, V6V1, V6N8, V6F1, V6F9, V6J9, V6F6, V6F8, V6H1, V6G4, V6FX
Newcastle, V600
Queen's, V600
Reading, V600
Trinity Col, V600, VW62, *

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE(S)/STUDIES

Abertay, L730
Bournemouth, B900, B900Y, B901
Brunel, B970
Nene Col, CL83
Suffolk Uni Col, LN7C*
Teesside, N154

BIOLOGY

Aberdeen, C162, C160, CC74
Abertay, Dundee, CF11, CG15, *
Aberystwyth, C100
Anglia, C120, C620
Aston, C112, CF11, CF19, CG11, CG15, CJ19, CJ1X, CL13, CL17, CN11, *
Bangor, D242, C100, C1C7
Birmingham, C100, C101, C160, C260, C300, *
Bolton Inst, C100, D230
Brighton, CF11, CG15, CJ19, CF18, CG11, C120
Brunel, C110, C112, C111
Canterbury Christ Church Col, C160
Central Lancashire, C110, C710
Chester Uni Col, C111*
City, C100, C140, C621
Coventry, C110, *
De Montfort, C110, Y400, 011C
Derby, C100, C101, *
Dundee, C100
East Anglia, F125, F126
East London, C198, C300, L602, LC61, CF14, CN11
Edge Hill Col, C162
Essex, C100, C140, C174, C102
Exeter, C100, CF71
Glamorgan, C100, *
Glasgow, C140, C142, C304, C305, C620, C621, C720, C721
Grantham Col, C118
Greenwich, CM13, C1M3, C110, C1R1, C1R2, C1R4, C111, C160, C161
Halton Col, 001C
Heriot-Watt, C120, C170, C500, C700, C980
Hertfordshire, B1F1, B1F6, B1F9, B1M3, C1B1, 2B1C, 6C1C, C1B1, C1B2, C1C5, C1C6, C1J8, B1H7, B1T2, B1M3, *
Huddersfield, C621
Hull, C100, C101, C1X7, *
Keele, CF1C*, CF11*
Kent, C100, C101
King Alfred's Uni Col, *
King's Col, C1T9, *
Kingston, C111, CF11, CR11, CF18, CF13
Lancaster, C100
Leeds, B150, B151, C100, C110
Leeds Metropolitan, B150
Leicester, CF71, C100, C140, C620
Liverpool, C100, C110, C130, C160
Liverpool John Moores, C110
Luton, C100, *
Manchester Metropolitan, C100*
Middlesex, Y400, B150E
Napier, C120
Nene Col, B1F1, *
Newcastle, C100, C110, C306, C620
Newman Col, CV18, CF18
North East Surrey Col, C110, C118
North London, C120, *
Northumbria, C100
Nottingham, C160, D820
Nottingham Trent, C110, C118
Oxford Brookes, C100, C140, B150
Paisley, C100, C1T2, C1N1
Plymouth, C100, C1F1
Portsmouth, C100, C140
Queen's, C100, C620
Queen Mary Westfield Col, C100, C1N1
Reading, C100
Roehampton Inst, CN19, *
Royal Holloway Col, C100, C160, C140
Salford, FC11, GC51, CF18
Scarborough Uni Col, XC51
Sheffield Hallam, C120, XC71
Southampton, C100
South Bank, C110, C118, B150*
Staffordshire, CH16, CF16, CL18, CF13, CG15, B159*
Stirling, C100, *
St Mary's Uni Col, CF1X, FC81, CQ15
Stockport Col, C100
Suffolk Uni Col, CF19*
Sunderland, C110, B940, CL17
Sussex, C120, C100, C1R1, C1R2, C1R4, C1N1, C1Q4
Swansea, C100, C1R1, C1R2, C1R3, C1R4
UWIC, 011C
West England, C110, CF11, CF19, CG15, X3C1, X4C1
Westminster, C110, C120, C128
Wolverhampton, C120, Y401, C620
Worcester Col, C120, XC51, *
Wye Col, C100
York, C100, C101, C107, C160, C164

BREWING AND DISTILLING

Heriot-Watt, C980

CHEMISTRY/CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Aberdeen, F100, *
Abertay, Dundee, F110, F1T2, F140, F111, F126, FG15, FG11, H200
Anglia, F100, F101
Aston, F100, F110, FN11, FJ1X, FR11, FR12, FJ19, FG11, FL17, *
Bangor, F100, *
Birmingham, F101, F102, F120, F140
Bradford, F100, F101, F1B2, F1N1, F1NC
Brighton, FG15, FJ19, FF13, FG14
Brunel, F100, F1NC
Central Lancashire, F110, F312, F130, F100, 001F, F101, FH16
City, F110
Coventry, F110, *
Derby, FF19, FF1X, F140, FF16
De Montfort, F110, Y400, F1N1, X7FC, 001F, *
Dundee, F100, F101, CF7C, F120, *
East Anglia, F100, F101, F102, F106, FF31
Exeter, F100, F103, F104, F162
Glasgow, F100, F103, F140
Glasgow Caledonian, F1G5
Glamorgan, FC11, FF16, FJ11
Grantham Col, F108
Greenwich, F120, F121
Halton Col, F100, F106
Heriot-Watt, F100, F110, F114, F125, F1C7, F1G5, F1L1, F102, F1R1*
Hertfordshire, G1B1, F1F6, F1H7, B1M3, F1H7, F1L1, *
Huddersfield, F100, F180, F1C7, F1J8, F1H8, F1F9, F1N1, F120
Hull, F100, F101, F102, F130, F166, F184, F185, F1F9, F1H8, *
Keele, FQ18*
Kent, F100, F101, F102, F103, F105, F127, F128, F129, F1C1, F1CC, F1CD, F1F9, F1FX, F1FY, F1N1, F1NC, F1ND, FF19, FN11, FN1C, FN1D, FNCC, FNCD, FNDD
King's Col, FG1C, F1N1, F1NC, F1GM, F1ND, F1V5, FF13, FG11, F181, F1G5, FF1H, F105, F1CR, F1C7, F103, F115, F130, F131, F146, F152, F180, F100, F1C1
Kingston, F100, F110, F1N1, FR11, FF31
Lancaster, F100
Leeds, F100, F120, F180, F174, F176
Leicester, F103, *
Liverpool, F100, F102, F106, F1TF, F1T2, F160
Liverpool John Moores, F100, F161
Loughborough, F100, F170, F180
London Uni Col (UCL), F100, F101, F1T2, F1N1
Manchester, F100, F101, F102, FF13, F170, F1B3, F1M3
Manchester Metropolitan, GFM1, F100, F101, F102, CF11, F110, *
Napier, F110
Newcastle, F100, F102, F101, FG14, FG11, FF13, F122, F126, F11F, F11G, F1T2, F111
North London, F100, F130, *
Nottingham Trent, F103, F110, F108, F100, F101, F104, F102, F105, FG11, FF13
Northumbria, F110, F118, F180, F1C7, F1B9, F1H8, F1F9, F170, F101
Oxford Brookes, *
Plymouth, F180, F110, F140, F1F5
Paisley, F100, F1T2, F1N1, F160, F120, F161
Portsmouth, F110
Queen's, F100, F102, FG15
Queen Mary Westfield Col, F100, F126, F140, F1C1, F1C7, F1N1, FF13, FG11, FR1F
Reading, F100, F103, FD14, F1NL, F1GM, F1LC, F1N4, F1G5, F1L1, F101, F104, F105
Robert Gordon, CF91, F110
Salford, F100, F110, *
St Andrews, F100*
Sheffield, F105, F106, FF15, FJ15
Sheffield Hallam, F110, F140, F103, F126, XF71
Southampton, F100, *
Staffordshire, FC17, CF11, FJ13, FG15, F110, F100, F147, F148, BC17, F109, F101, F180, *
Stirling, F100, FX17
Stockport Col, F100
Sunderland, FB13
Surrey, F107, F100, F103, F101, F104, F106, F102, F188, F189
Sussex, F100, F1R1, F1R2, F1R4, F1N1, F1Q4, F1J4, F120
Swansea, F180, F101, F102, F107, F103, F104, F105, F181, F182, FN1D, FN1C, F1NC, F110, F1ND, FN11, F1G5, F1GM, F1GN, F161, F1FC, F144, F111, F1MJ, F1MH, F1N1, F1N2, F1NF
Teesside, F100, F1N1
UMIST, H800, F102
Warwick, F100, F105, F140, F121, F125, FN11, F1C8
Westminster, F110, FF91, FG15, F140
Wolverhampton, F110, F180, F1J4, *
York, F100, *

CHIROPODY

Brighton, B985
Glasgow Caledonian, B985
London Uni Col (UCL), B986
Nene Col, B985
Plymouth, B985

CHIROPRACTIC

Glamorgan, B965

COGNITIVE SCIENCE/STUDIES

Essex, C8G5
Hertfordshire, C801
Middlesex, C878E
Westminster, C878

CONSERVATION

Bournemouth, F940, FF49
De Montfort, W160
Derby, D255
East Anglia, D260
Edge Hill Col, C161
London Inst, J560, E560
South Bank, D260, D261
Stirling, D255
Writtle, D260

CONSUMER SCIENCE/STUDIES

Bradford & Ilkley Col, B900, L530
Glasgow Caledonian, N980
Liverpool John Moores, N980
Queen Margaret Col, N980
Manchester Metropolitan, N750, N984
Roehampton Inst, CN19, *
Salford, N750
UWIC, N750

DECISION SCIENCES/SYSTEMS

Bournemouth, G522
North London, N240, *
Plymouth, G4ND
Portsmouth, G520
Wolverhampton, Y401

DENTISTRY

Manchester Metropolitan, B930

DISEASES (INFECTIOUS)

East London, C921

EARTH SCIENCES/STUDIES

Anglia, F920
Bournemouth, F930, FF49, OO9F, OO9FY, *
Brunel, F900
City, F640
Kingston, F640
Liverpool John Moores, F920
Nene Col, *
Plymouth, FF69
Portsmouth, F640
Wolverhampton, *

ECOLOGY/ECOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Aberdeen, D230
Bangor, D230
Bath Col, N750
Bournemouth, F930, FF49
City, CF99
Derby, HW72, EW72
Dundee, CD12
East London, C910, D235
Essex, D230, D238, C160, C161
Goldsmiths Col, E201
Greenwich, C911
Lancaster, C900
Leeds, C900
Liverpool John Moores, C910
Luton, CF99, *
Middlesex, F940P
Nene Col, C9F1, C9F9, C9J9, C9F6, C9F8, C9B1, C9H1, C9G4, C9FX
Newcastle Uni, F9D2
North London, CF99, *
Northumbria, D250
Oxford Brookes, *
Plymouth, D230
Portsmouth, F612
Queen Mary Westfield Col, C910
Roehampton, CD92
Staffordshire, CG95, CL98, F610, F630, C919
St Andrews, D230
Stirling, L120, C900
Sussex, CD92
Westminster, C910
Wolverhampton, C910, *

ELECTRONICS/ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

Abertay, H680, HH5P
Anglia, H602
Aston, HN61, HC61, HF61, HG65, HR61, HR62, HJ69, HL64, HL63
Bolton Inst, H607, H603, H648, H640, H641, H628, H621, H610, H611, H618
Bournemouth, H600, H610, H618, H761, H768, HC61
Central Lancashire, H612
Derby, HH67
East Anglia, H608, H6N1
Glamorgan, H601, H602, H5H3, H6N1
Grantham Col, GH5P
Halton Col, *
Hertfordshire, H640, H648, H6F6, H6H7, W3T2, H6M3, H6F3, *
Kingston, H600, H6GN, H6G5
Liverpool John Moores, H640, H648
Luton, H646, HG65, HNP6, HPPK, HN6P, GHM6, HW6M
Manchester Met, H600*
Middlesex, H601B, HN61B, H608B
North East Wales Inst, W2H5
North London, H600, *
Northumbria, H611, H618, H612, H635, H638
Nottingham Trent, GH56, GH5P
Oxford Brookes, H600
Royal Holloway Col, H600
Staffordshire, FH16, LH76, HJ63
Swansea, H620, H621
UWIC, H601, 195H, 116H, H602
Wolverhampton, Y401

ENERGY SCIENCE/STUDIES/SYSTEMS/TECHNOLOGY

Anglia, K245, K246, K247
Brighton, J9N1, JF98, GJ19, JF93, JG94
Nene Col, *

ENTOMOLOGY

Newcastle Uni, CD32

ENVIRONMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/STUDIES/SYSTEMS/TECHNOLOGY

Aberdeen, G830, CD59, F900, F920, F902, F832
Abertay, C9F9, F900, F910
Aberystwyth, C160, F910, F6X9, F900
Anglia, F912, BF29, C160, F901, F912, F940
Aston, CF19, FF19, FJ9Y, FL94, FN91, FF19, FR91, FR92, FM91, FL94
Bangor, C160, F900, Y401
Bath Col, F900, C160
Birmingham, F900
Bolton Inst, F900, HF19
Bournemouth, F930, FF49
Bradford, F900, F902, FL9V, HL98, KF49, KF4X
Brighton, F901
Canterbury Christ Church Col, FL93, FR91, FL98, FV91, FW93, FV98, FG94, FP97, *
Central England, K440, K443, K444, K445, F910
Central Lancashire, F905, 2D9F, F9D2, F910, F900, F930
Cheltenham & Gloucester, F9D2, F9L8, F9F6, F9PT
Chester Uni Col, F900, F9D2
Chichester Inst, LF99, *
City, FH92, H250, C160, F900, F610
Colchester Inst, F900
Coventry, F901, F900
Cranfield, F9N8
De Montfort, F110, X7F1, F900
Derby, F900, *
Durham, F9H2, F900, F9H2, L1F9
Dundee, FLX1, FL98, FG91, FV91, FM91, K300, F900
East Anglia, D255
East London, F900, F911, FL46, *
Exeter, F900
Glamorgan, FL93
Glasgow, CF76, FF18
Glasgow Caledonian, F910, H200, F930
Glamorgan, F9B6, F9C1, F9F1, F9F6, F9J1, FJ9, F630, F900, BF69
Grantham Col, B908
Greenwich, *
Halton Col, 009F, *
Heriot-Watt, FK93, F630, F638
Hertfordshire, F638, F9F6, F9H7, F901*, F902, F903, F910, F918, F930, F9T2, F9M3, F9H7, *
Huddersfield, F9N1, F910, FH91
Keele, FRX1, FFX6, FRX2, FVX1, FVXC, FQX6, FGX1, FMX1, FLX3
King's Col, C1F9, F910
Kingston, F360, F900m F921
Lampeter, F920, FV96
Lancaster, F140, F920, F900
Leeds, F910, F904, F902
Leeds Metropolitan, B900
Leicester, C900
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Liverpool, K4L8
Liverpool John Moores, F140, F900, F910
Loughborough, K240
Luton, BC91, *
Manchester, F630, F900, F901, F910
Manchester Metropolitan, B900, F910, F918, F900, F908, F901*
Middlesex, F9JJP, FNX1E, F908B, Y400, B900B, F900B
Napier, C160, F374
Nene Col, F910
Newcastle, D255, C160, DF29, L120, D121, NL11, N180, D234, C180, D224, F910
Newport, FT29, F198, FG95, BF69, QV36, FV96, VT62, LV86, VV16, GV56, BV66
North East Surrey Col, F918, F919
North London, CF9X, *
Northumbria, F901, F900, F910
Norwich City Col, C160
Nottingham Trent, B900, B908, FF19, FGXM, FGX1, FF39
Oxford Brookes, Y100, C160, F644
Paisley, C160, F900
Plymouth, F910
Portsmouth, FH92, C160, F900, F610
Queen's, C160
Queen Mary Westfield Col, F900
Reading, F140, F142, F925, F141, F630, F900, D230, D253, F920, C160, C165, C254
Ripon & York St John Col, F9L3, F9L8, F9N1, F9X9, KS2, KS3
Robert Gordon, F900
Roehampton, F900*
St Andrews, F840*
Salford, F910, F9T2, F9T3, F900, K31N, C160
Scarborough, F900, F9Y1, F9Y2, F9Y3
Sheffield Hallam, F910, F900, F912, K421, D255
Southampton, F900
South Bank, DF49, FB91, FB94, FL9K, FL93, BF69
Staffordshire, F902, F901, CF19, MF39, MF3X, F931, F939, *
Stirling, FL91, FF19, C160, F9X9, F900, CF19, FG95, FG91
Sunderland, C160, C168, F900, F918, FH62, F930
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Choosing judicial review or action

Trustees of the Dennis Rye Pension Fund and Another v Sheffield City Council

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Pill

[Judgment July 31]

In considering whether a litigant should have brought judicial review proceedings or an ordinary action against a public body, the court should look at the practical consequences of the choice made rather than just technical questions concerning the distinction between public and private rights.

If the choice made had no significant disadvantages for the parties, the public or the court, then it should not normally be regarded as constituting an abuse of process.

A local authority's refusal to pay improvement grants under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to render premises fit for human habitation was capable in appropriate circumstances of giving rise to private law rights which could be enforced by a writ action.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Sheffield City Council, against decisions of Mr Justice Mance on December 6, 1995 and September 5, 1996 refusing to strike out the actions of the plaintiffs, the trustees of the *Dennis Rye Pension Fund* and the Dennis Rye 1992 Grandchildren Settlement Fund, for the payment of improvement grants pursuant to section 113 of the 1989 Act.

Mr Ashley Underwood and *Ms* Lisa Giovannetti for the council; Mr Ian A. B. McLaren, QC and Mr Tony Cranfield for the plaintiffs.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal had raised yet again issues as to the *relationship between public and* private law proceedings. It illustrated the fact that, despite hopes to the contrary, a substantial volume of the resources of the parties and the courts were still being consumed to little or no *purpose over largely tactical issues* as to whether the correct procedure had been adopted.

The claims against the council *were for sums alleged to be due* by way of improvement grants for work done by the plaintiffs following the service of a repair notice requiring work to be carried out to *render premises fit for human* habitation under section 189 of the Housing Act 1985.

The council's argument was that if the plaintiffs had any grounds of *complaint then the only* appropriate procedure was an application for judicial review and not an ordinary action.

The 1985 and 1989 Acts contained a *statutory code for the approval of* grants which was designed to give to the person entitled to the benefit of the grant a right to payment of the grant on compliance with the conditions contained in the legislation. When that had happened the council had *no justification for* refusing payment.

In that situation there was no reason why the landlord could not bring an ordinary action to recover the amount of the grant which was unpaid as an ordinary debt. It would be disproportionate to seek a remedy of, say, mandamus or a *declaration by way of judicial* review to enforce payment.

Any suggestion that there had been any abuse of process involved in bringing an ordinary action would be totally misconceived. Judicial review was not intended to be used *for debt collecting.*

In the present cases, however, there was a dispute as to whether the conditions had been fulfilled and, in particular, the council contended that the works had not been completed to its satisfaction *as required, inter alia,* by section 117(3) of the 1989 Act. At any trial of the actions one of the principal issues was likely to be whether the council was entitled to withhold its satisfaction.

In his Lordship's judgment, as in *Roy v Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster Family Practitioner Committee* ([1992] 1 AC 624), the plaintiffs' relationship with a public body, whether statu*tory or contractual, conferred on* them conditional rights to payment so that *the bringing of* ordinary actions to enforce those *rights was not in itself an abuse of* process.

Any challenge to a council's refusal to *express satisfaction* would depend on an examination of issues largely of fact which were more appropriately examined in the course of ordinary proceedings than on an application for judicial review.

That was the class of issue which, if it could not be resolved by mediation, was ideally resolved by a court with the assistance of a report from a surveyor jointly *instructed by both parties. Such an* approach would be infinitely more in the interests of the council's taxpayers, the landlords and the courts than an application for judicial review.

What could be done to stop the *constant unprofitable litigation* over the divide between public and private law proceedings? The guidance which Lord Diplock gave in *O'Reilly v Mackman* ([1983] 2 AC 237) involved recognising:

1 That remedies for protecting both *private and public rights could* be given in both private law proceedings and on an application for judicial review.

2 That judicial review provided, in the interest of the public, protection for public bodies which was *not available in private* law proceedings: the requirement of leave and the protection against delay. The proceedings would be heard by a High Court judge and would be managed by the Crown Office which had the necessary experience of public law proceedings to ensure that questions, such *as expedition,* were dealt with *in a* manner which was appropriate.

3 That for those reasons it was a general rule that it was contrary to public policy and as such an abuse *of the process of the court,* to permit a person seeking to establish that a decision of a public authority infringed rights to which he was entitled to protection under public law to proceed by way of an ordinary action and by that means *to evade the provisions of Order 53* of the Rules of the Supreme Court *for the protection of such* authorities.

Having established the foundation of the general rule it seemed to his Lordship that there would be a *reduction in the difficulties which* were apparently being experienced at present by practitioners and the courts, if it was remembered that:

1 If it was not clear whether *judicial review or an ordinary* action was the correct procedure it would be safer to make an application for judicial review than commence an ordinary action since there then should be *no question of* being treated as abusing the *process of the court by avoiding the* protection provided by judicial review.

In the majority of cases it should not be necessary for purely *procedural reasons to become in*volved in arid arguments as to whether the issues were correctly treated as involving public or private law or both. For reasons of substantive law it might be necessary to consider that issue.

If judicial review was used when it should not, the court could *protect its resources either by* directing that the application should continue as if begun by writ or by directing it should be heard by a judge who was not nominated to hear cases in the Crown Office list. It was difficult to see how a respondent could be prejudiced by the adoption of that course and *little risk that anything more* damaging could happen than a refusal of leave.

2 If a case was brought by an ordinary action and there was an application to strike out the case, the court should, at least if it was *unclear whether the case should* have been brought by judicial review, ask itself whether, if the case had been brought by judicial review when the action had been commenced, it was clear leave would have been granted. If it *would, then that* was at least an indication that there had been no harm to the interests *judicial* review was designed to protect.

In addition, the court should consider by which procedure the case could be appropriately tried. *If the answer was that an ordinary* action was equally or more appropriate than an application for judicial review that again should be an indication the action should *not be struck out.*

3 Finally, in cases where it was unclear whether proceedings had been correctly brought by an ordinary action it should be *remembered that after consulting* the Crown Office a case could always be transferred to the Crown Office list as an alternative to being struck out.

His Lordship hoped that those far from comprehensive pragmatic *suggestions would be of some* assistance. They involved not only considering the technical questions of the distinctions between public and private rights and bodies but also looking at the practical consequences of the choice of proce*dure which had been made.*

If the choice had no significant disadvantages for the parties, the public or the court, then it should not normally be regarded as constituting an abuse.

It was important to remember that there did not have to be an application to strike out even if it was *considered that the wrong* procedure had been adopted. Often the interests of justice and the parties would be better served by getting on with the action. Certainly there should be no appeal unless there was some practical reason for doing so.

If that approach was adopted it *was obvious* that the issues *in the* present case could be more conveniently *dealt with in an ordinary* action than on an application for judicial review.

If his Lordship had had doubt as to what should be the outcome of the appeal without taking into account those practical considerations *then they put the position* beyond doubt. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Morritt agreed and Lord Justice Pill gave a concurring *judgment.*

Solicitors: Mr Mark Webster, Sheffield; King & Brook, Chesterfield.

Barrister's immunity from suit in settlements

Kelley v Corston

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Judge

[Judgment July 10]

A barrister's immunity from suit for negligence in the conduct of a case applied in cases where a *settlement,* which by law required the approval of the court, was made; and also to settlements which were reached at the door of the court.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, *Lindsey Ann Kelley,* from a decision of Mr Justice Longmore striking out her action against the defendant, Jem Corston, as disclosing no reasonable cause of action.

Mr Peter Smith, QC and Mr Christopher Gosland for the plaintiff; Mr Rupert Jackson, QC and Ms Susan Solomon for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that the settlement of litigation was not normally encompassed within the principles on which the immunity of the advocate was based.

None of the authorities required and there were no public policy considerations which justified a blanket immunity from suit for negligent advice to a client which resulted in a settlement of his claim *whether the settlement* was reached before the hearing or at the door of the court.

There were two areas of exception. First, after the hearing had begun in the sense that the judge began to consider the plaintiff's claim, *it was self-evident* that any settlement was intimately connected with the conduct of the case in the presence of the judge and it might indeed involve the judge, and any *comments or interven*tions from him. Accordingly, such settlements fell within the principles of immunity.

The second area of exception *concerned settlements* which were subject to or required the approval of the court. One example was the settlement of a claim by a person under disability, another settlement of matrimonial proceedings, such as the settlement in the *instant case.*

Such settlements involved the direct participation of the judge who was invited to indicate his approval and who was not bound to give it. The responsibility was clearly imposed on the judge who *had to make whatever inquiries* seemed appropriate to him before making his decision. If he concluded that the settlement arrangements were inappropriate he could not ignore his responsibilities.

For the avoidance of doubt, those exceptions did not include settlements which did not require the approval of the court but which were settled and followed by an order made by consent. In such *circumstances* the judge had no contribution to make to the agreed terms. The present case fell within the immunity principle. After negotiations had been carried out between *the parties the settlement* was placed before the judge for his approval which he gave. The settlement could not now be impugned by litigation against either advocate.

LORD JUSTICE PILL, concurring in the result, said that there were situations in which the intervention of the court was sufficient in *itself to give rise to the immunity.*

A settlement in the course of the hearing might be an example. The intimate connection with the trial was established. Further, where a settlement required the approval of the court *as to its merits* and received that approval, the advocates who had reached the settlement where covered by immunity from suit.

B v Miller & Co ([1996] 2 FLR 23) was wrongly decided in so far as it was based on *the proposition that* no immunity arose out of the approval of the agreed terms. In the case of orders made under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 the immunity arose from the duty of the court to approve the terms of *the settlement.*

That finding did not conclude the present appeal in the defendant's favour. Until the point was raised by the court itself during the hearing of the appeal it had not been taken by the defendant either in the pleadings or in argument.

For that reason, his Lordship was unable to decide the appeal on *the basis that an immunity,* which would not otherwise exist, was created by judicial intervention by way of approval of the settlement in the case. His Lordship would *not dismiss the appeal on* the ground which had found favour with *Lord Justice Judge* and was driven to consider the question whether the defendant succeeded on the basis alleged on her behalf.

His Lordship recognised the public interest, *for the protection of* litigants in general, in keeping the immunity as narrow as possible. However, it did not cover the defendant's conduct in the present case in making a settlement at the door of the court when the trial of *the merits was about to begin.* The conduct at the door of the court, while precluding the conduct of the cause in court, was nevertheless intimately connected with it.

*Negotiations in such circum*stances, and settlements which resulted from them, were an integral part of the conduct of the cause having the necessary intimate connection with its conduct in court within the meaning of that *expression adopted in Saif Ali v Sydney Mitchell & Co* ([1980] AC 198). They could not sensibly be distinguished from the advocate's conduct of the cause once the trial had begun.

There was no sensible distinction between a settlement in course of trial, which might be reached for reasons unconnected with the *events of the trial so far, and a door* of court settlement before the trial began. The immunity could not be so narrowly defined as to exclude conduct which involved predicting *the likely outcome of a case at the* door of the court and settling it before the hearing had begun.

*LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-*SLOSS, agreed that the immunity arose in relation to consent orders under the 1973 Act and that it also arose with regard to settlements agreed at the door of the court.

Solicitors: Longrigg Harris, Bath; Veale Wasbrough.

Public interest immunity in CPS documents

Kelly v Commissioner of *Police of the Metropolis*

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Millett and Sir Brian Neill

[Judgment July 22]

Certain of the new forms used by all police forces which were sent to *the Crown Prosecution Service* following an investigation into a suspected criminal offence belonged to a class of documents to which public interest immunity attached.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when allowing an appeal by Kevin Kelly against a decision of Judge Cox at *Lambeth County Court on* October 14, 1996 refusing discovery of certain forms used by the police when investigating an offence which were sent to the CPS after an *incident in June* 1994 which led to an action against the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for, inter alia, malicious prosecution.

The court remitted the case to the judge to decide whether production of the documents was necessary for the fair disposal of the case or to save costs. The court considered the principles *to apply* should the judge decide that public interest immunity was in issue.

Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr Glyn Samuel for the appellant; Mr Jeremy Gompertz, QC and Miss Anne Studd for the commissioner; Mr Stephen Richards as amicus curiae.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the metropolitan police had used an initial report form, Form 151, *until* 1992 *when a new* series of forms, MG 1 to 20, had been produced for use by all forces.

The issue arising in the appeal was the extent of immunity, if any, which attached to certain of those forms so as to inhibit their disclosure for the purposes of civil proceedings against the police after the criminal proceedings had come to an end.

The first issue to be considered was the need for production. The approach of public bodies and of the *courts to claims of* public interest immunity had changed in recent years and it was necessary to look at the position with recent decisions very much in mind.

The threshold test

Where a plaintiff sought production of a document which the *defendant* had conceded to be relevant by identifying it in his list of documents *the first thing to be* considered was whether production was necessary either for *disposing fairly* of the cause or matter or for saving costs; and it was for the party *making the* application for production to satisfy the courts that the test of *necessity was satisfied:* see *Ventouris v Mountain* ([1991] 1 WLR 607); *Taylor v Anderton* ([1995] 1 WLR 447, 462); *Wallace Smith Trust Company v Deloitte* ([1997] 1 WLR 257, 267C, 272E).

The central issue in the case was malice. The documents were confidential but might contain information which was necessary for the fair disposal of the action.

It was now clear as a result of *Wallace Smith* that if production of the documents might be necessary for the fair disposal of the action, but the possibility must be *real and not fanciful, then* a judge should not normally refuse an order for production without looking at the documents.

His Lordship would allow the appeal and refer the case to the judge to decide whether or not *production* was necessary for fair disposal of the case or the saving of costs.

If the judge were to decide public interest immunity did apply and *that production of one or more of* the documents was necessary to dispose of the matter *fairly or to* save costs, the claim that each of the documents was within a class protected by the immunity must be addressed.

Public interest immunity

In R v Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Ex parte Wiley ([1995] 1 AC 274, 305E) Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, had said that *"the recognition of a new class*-based public interest immunity requires clear and compelling evidence that it is necessary" (not found in that case) and concluded that it would not be right to close the door to any future attempt to *establish that a report which came* into existence as a result of a police investigation into a complaint was subject to class immunity.

In *Taylor v Anderton* (at p465G) *an investigating officer's report to* the Police Complaints Authority was deemed *to attract public* interest immunity. Mr Reynold submitted that a reporting officer's task was inherently less sensitive than the task of an investigating officer reporting to the PCA.

His Lordship accepted to a point *that was correct, but in his* judgment the distinction between the two tasks was not *sufficient to* merit different treatment so far as public interest immunity was concerned.

His Lordship recognised that it could be argued *that no absolute* assurance as to confidentiality could ever be given and that if a particular document needed to be withheld because of what it con*tained or because disclosure* might lead to dangerous inferences being drawn in the future then nondisclosure could always be justified on a contents basis, but if that *argument were to prevail* it should also have prevailed in *Taylor's* case.

In his Lordship's judgment, forms MG 3A, 6, 6A, 6D, 6E and 20 could be accurately described *in* the way Mr Justice Butterfield described the earlier Form 151 in *O'Sullivan v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis* (*The Times* July 3, 1995) as "the genesis of a dialogue between the police and the CPS commenting and *expressing upon* and expressing opinions about the primary material", and his *Lordship* accepted that they formed a class entitled to public interest immunity.

In reaching that conclusion his Lordship was conscious not only of the authorities but also of the shift in the government's thinking.

Lord Justice Millet and Sir Brian Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Thomas & Co, Camberwell; Bircham & Co, Westminster.

Cross-examination in judicial review

Regina v Arts Council of England, Ex parte Women's Playhouse Trust

In a judicial review hearing where a jurisdictional fact was *not* in dispute, a court would not order *cross-examination of witnesses* on their affidavits unless it considered their evidence might be *misleading* or in material respect incomplete.

Mr Justice Laws so stated in the *Queen's Bench Division in* a reserved judgment on July 29 dismissing a summons applying for discovery under Order 24 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and *for leave to cross-examine* deponents to affidavits under Order 38, rule 2(3).

The summons was issued in judicial review proceedings brought by *Women's Playhouse* Trust challenging the Arts Council's refusal of its application for *lottery funds.*

HIS LORDSHIP, examining the principles on which interlocutory orders were *properly made* in judicial review, looked at considerations applying to the application to cross-examine. Even if discovery were appropriate it would not *necessarily* be right to order cross-examination.

There were certainly some judicial review cases in which it was the court's duty to resolve ques*tions of primary fact.* Such cases arose where some jurisdictional fact had to be established before a statutory discretionary power might lawfully be exercised, and *there was a genuine dispute* whether the jurisdictional fact existed.

That was not the present case. The court would only order discovery *or cross-examination* if it considered the respondent's evidence might be misleading or *in* material respect incomplete. That had not been made out.

Pub tenant restrained from breaching tie

***Greenalls Management Ltd* v Canavan**

Before Lord Justice Staughton, *Lord Justice* Millett and Lord Justice Judge

[Judgment July 30]

Reference to beers which appeared in a public house landlord's current *price list meant* the list which was current from time to time and not the list which was current at the date of the commencement of a lease for a public house tied agreement.

The Court of Appeal so held in *dismissing an appeal brought by* the tenant, Mr Brendan Aloysious Canavan, against the decision of Mr Richard Mawrey, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on November 12, 1996 when he granted an interlocu*tory injunction to* the landlord, Greenalls Management Ltd, *restraining the tenant from* breaching a tied house agreement in respect of his public house, Golden Lion, 56 Barton Lane, Eccles, Manchester.

Article 6 of Commission Regulation 1984/83/EEC (OJ 1983 L173) *provides:* "... Article 85(1) of the Treaty [of Rome] [prohibiting and *rendering void agreements* which affected trade between member states] shall not apply to agreements to which only two undertakings are party and whereby one party, the reseller, agrees with the other, the supplier, in consideration for according special commercial or financial advan*tages, to purchase only from* the supplier ... certain beers..."

Clause 4.1 of the lease provides: "In recognition ... that the rent ... is less than the open market rent ... if no obligation were imposed on the tenant to purchase specified beers and *specified other drinks* ... the parties acknowledge that such *lower rent provides the tenant* with special commercial or financial advantages within the meaning of article 6 of EEC Regulation 1984/83 and in consequence thereof *the tenant agrees* to observe and perform the obligations contained in *this part of the tenancy terms.*"

"Specified beers" was defined in clause 4.2 as "a brand or denomination of beer which appears in the company's current price list".

Clause 5.6 provides: "On the *signing of this document and from* time to time thereafter to furnish the tenant with a price list of the specified beers and specified other drinks which the company offers to supply to the tenants."

Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC and Mr Becket Bedford for the tenant; Mr Nicholas Green for the landlord.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the tenant took a lease of the public house in December 1991 when his landlord was Boddingtons Group plc. In 1996, as a result of corporate ac*quisitions, the immediate rever*sion became vested in Greenalls Management Ltd, who was a drinks wholesaler. In 1991 Boddingtons' price list contained very *few beers but Greenalls'* current list contained substantially more.

The tenant committed breaches of the tie in 1992 which he admitted *and the matter settled.* However, he committed further breaches in 1996 and in *November 1996* Greenalls obtained the interlocutory injunction in the present case.

No evidence was adduced, the breach was admitted, the tenant admitted he had *no prospect of* paying damages and the landlord was good for his cross-undertaking in damages. It was therefore a plain case for the grant of an *interlocutory injunction.*

The tenant, however, raised four points which his Lordship found convenient to dispose of under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

1 Meaning of "the company's *current price list*"

The tenant submitted that the expression was void for uncertainty. His Lordship rejected that. It was true that the expression was ambiguous and could mean either current at the date of the *lease or current from time to time.*

The tenant preferred the first but in his Lordship's judgment *the* contest showed that it referred to the latter for reasons which included the following:

(i) the lease was standard form *and it could not be supposed that* Boddingtons had intended in*tended the obligations to be dif*ferent according to when leases were taken;

(ii) the lease was capable of lasting many years and it did not *only* determine the tie but obliged the tenant to buy an annual *minimum quantity which could* not have been intended to be frozen at the outset of the lease;

(iii) the tenant was obliged to buy specified beer from the immediate landlord from time to time, so he was accordingly bound by a new *list should there be a change of* landlord;

(iv) there was no reason to limit the meaning of clause 5.6 of the lease to prices and to hold that it did not apply to brands.

2 Whether special commercial advantage in clause 4.1 continued after first rent review

The tenant submitted that it did not. His Lordship could not see why that was so and was quite satisfied that that was not the case.

3 Whether compliance with article 6 of EEC Regulation 1983/84 was a condition precedent to the enforcement of the tie

The tenant relied on the words "in consequence of" in clause 4.1 of the lease. In his Lordship's judgment that merely recorded the mutual acknowledgement of the parties and there was no substance in the submission.

That was sufficient to dispose of the appeal.

The fourth question as to whether article 6 of EEC Regulation 1984/83 had been satisfied did not strictly arise. However, since it could arise in other cases, his *Lordship expressed the provisional* view that the tenant would not succeed *on that point either.*

Lord Justice Judge agreed.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said he agreed with Lord Justice Millett except in two respects.

There could in theory come a time when during the currency of *the lease when there was no special* commercial advantage to the tenant by reason of *the tie.* There could be a time when the market rent of a public house without a tie would be no different from one with a tie. It might seem unlikely *but improbable things* did sometimes happen.

*His Lordship's second reserva*tion concerned the unilateral extension of the list of commodities in respect of which the tenant was bound by the tie. In the light of *Delimitis v Henninger Bräu AG* (Case C-234/89) ([1991] ECR I-935) *there was still room for argument* in that area.

None of that cast any doubt about the present case in which the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Ferdinand Kelly, Birmingham; Travers Smith Braithwaite.

Costs penalty

United Wire Ltd v Screen Repair Services (Scotland)

Where a defendant, albeit successful overall, had raised and pursued *a substantial number of* unsuccessful points, with significant sums in costs being thrown away, robust justice and the obviation of a complex and expensive taxation *could be achieved by making no* order as to costs.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so stated in the Chancery Division on July 29, in applying the principles laid *down* by Lord Justice Nourse in *In re Elgindata Ltd (No 2)* ([1992] 1 WLR 1207, 1214) as expanded, in relation to patent *actions;* and by Mr Justice Aldous in *Rediffusion Simulation Ltd v Link-Miles Ltd* ([1993] FSR 369).

HIS LORDSHIP found (i) that the plaintiff's letters patent No 1 578 948 and UK patent No 2 161 715 were valid, so that the defendants' claims for revocation *failed in their entirety and (ii) that,* apart from the issue of repair, the plaintiff had established infringement of them, but (iii) that the defendants had made good their defence that their activities had amounted to non-infringing *repair.*

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ITC plans to filter out smoking could start a trend

Censor's insensibility towards the new taboo

In Sligo in the northwest of Ireland last week a never-before-seen film of W. B. Yeats was shown. There on screen, laughing, talking, with a big and confident head, jaunty as Roosevelt, was the great poet himself, enjoying himself on a cruise in 1927. And what did the crowd of adorers who had come from all over to the annual Yeats summer school make of this glimpse from beyond the grave?

"He's smoking!" If W. B. had walked in the door, he would have been shown out the back. To compound the shock, the reel, taken by a fellow passenger and unearthed recently by a Canadian scholar, showed Mrs Yeats, too, with a fag in her mouth, their two hatted heads closing together to light from the same match in the gesture that seemed so debonair in the blinkered Twenties. Didn't they know that smoking causes lung cancer and other diseases?

BRENDA MADDOX

Absolute truth cannot compromise. I hope that if the Independent Television Commission gets its wish to ban smoking on commercial television before 10pm (except where dramatically relevant — that is, to show somebody as a serial rapist), they will make the ban retrospective. The censors will have a lovely time, cutting the cigarettes out of *Casablanca* and old newsreels like the shots at Yalta where the Great Powers clearly felt their power enhanced by the white cylinder held between the fingers. Ideal for this job would be those who scissor out the naughty bits of films for showing on aircraft.

The second time I saw *Shine*, it was over the Atlantic and the scene at the Royal Academy of Music where the young David Helfgott forgets his trousers when answering the telephone was cut out. Oh sure, this scene was the first big hint that the little genius was going crazy, but what did it matter when morals were at stake?

But ours is a permissive society. It won't tolerate too many bans, just a few. The task of moral guardians now is to pick and choose. The simplest rule is just to go into reverse. Everything once taboo becomes totem and vice versa. Like foxhunting and homosexuality. Or cigarettes and bosoms.

Just as smoking has gone on the shock-horror list, the bare female breast has come off. In the United States women have won the right to bare naked chests in public. Men have the freedom, so why should women be deprived? Although there are plenty of reasons why not — in each sex when the clothes come off some parts look nuder than others, and they are not the same parts. The equality argument has won out and it could happen here. Fags out, boobs in.

The wish to deglamorise smoking on television could be satisfied more easily by drawing a time line. No, not the "watershed", the imaginary line drawn to divide children's imagined from their real bedtimes. Rather, an on-screen warning to children that in the past things looked very different from today and someday will look different again. Then there would no need to censor Nigger Jim out of *Huckleberry Finn* and pretend that Agatha Christie wrote *Ten Little Indians* when she wrote something quite different, no need to pretend that H. G. Wells and other social reformers pre-Holocaust were not great enthusiasts for eugenics nor to think that Maurice Chevalier had anything dirty on his mind when he sang that hymn to paedophilia, *Thank Heaven for Little Girls*.

How much simpler it would be for the ITC to put out public-health advice against smoking and then to let dramatists get on with the plays. The television screen could also say that if we had known in the past what we know now, ITV would not have been built upon the faces of housewives saying how happy they were with their whiter wash.

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HOW'S this for incorrectness? Ireland seems very much like Britain. All the British television channels are on offer, the papers look the same, the headlines much the same: is the Princess of Wales or John Hume about to make a big mistake?. Even the media news sounds familiar: "Radio Ireland fails to woo young listeners." If only RTE, Ireland's BBC, were to buy Ulster TV, Northern Ireland's Channel 3, there could be all-Ireland television, like rugby. It won't happen.

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IN SLIGO to work on a biography of Yeats, the journalist in me is struck by the heavy use the English-language press and politicians make of the old wizard's words. Just on Ireland alone, leader writers dip freely into the bin brimming with rich phrases like "great hatred, little room," and "a terrible beauty" and "the indomitable Irishry" to make one editorial point or another. Fair enough, but the all-purpose Yeats is not confined to things Irish but lends itself nicely to the apocalyptic, garbled as needed. There would be white space indeed in the leader pages without all the things falling apart, slouchings toward Bethlehem, cold eyes being cast and peace processes dropping slow. In my growing collection of favourites, pride of place goes to a line from a baseball feature in *The New Yorker*: "The centerfield cannot hold."

Comedians fear loss of breeding ground

The future of comedy is being jeopardised, says **Milly Jenkins**

At the opening of the Edinburgh Television Festival on Friday, two of Britain's most successful sitcom writers, Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, will give a speech accusing broadcasting executives of failing to nurture and support comedy talent. The creators of *Birds of a Feather*, *Good Night, Sweetheart* and *Shine On Harvey Moon* say that the BBC and ITV are stifling talent by depriving writers and producers of money and creative control. But while they voice their concerns about the state of television comedy, many of their colleagues in the audience, and those appearing at the arts festival, will also be worrying about the future of radio comedy, long recognised as a training ground for new talent and the origin of some of television's top comedy shows.

One radio show, in particular, has produced some of Britain's best comedians — Radio 4's *Weekending*, the Friday night satirical sketch show. There is no such thing as a College of Comedy, but the nearest thing to it is an apprenticeship on *Weekending*. Griff Rhys Jones, David Jason, Tracy Ullman and more recently David Baddiel, Armando Iannucci and Harry Hill are just some of the talents that have been discovered and nurtured since its birth in 1970. But the longest-running comedy show in radio history is to be scrapped in April's Radio 4 reshuffle, leaving many ex-Weekenders wondering where future comedians will get their first break.

Weekending is one of the few comedy programmes with an open-door policy. Anyone can go along to the rowdy Wednesday lunchtime meetings, at Broadcasting House, to pitch ideas for sketches or one-liners. Others fax their contributions. The producers will consider anyone and although the financial rewards are not great — about £12 a joke and £25 a sketch — for many it is a first step.

David Baddiel, in Edinburgh this week with his *Too Much Information Tour*, started going to the meetings soon after leaving Cambridge. "They let anyone come in off the street, so it was always a bit of a soup kitchen," he says. "But I remember being very excited when I got my first half-minute sketch on and heard my name in the long list of credits at the end."

Baddiel's career path is in some ways a classic one — from the Footlights at Cambridge to the BBC's Light Entertainment Department. But, he says, although *Weekending* is an entry point for comedians of all genres, its forte is in training writers with a nose for news and scathing satire. Writing partners Mark Burton and John O'Farrell sharpened their wits on the show, before graduating to *Spitting Image* and currently *Have I Got News For You*. "It was a great springboard," says Burton, who has just written a new sitcom, *The Peter Principle*. "The open-door policy gave you your first contacts and your first experience of being in the BBC and working with other people."

Harry Hill was one of the talents discovered and nurtured on the BBC's Weekending

Guy Jenkin says: "It taught us the discipline of writing about news stories." Jenkin met his partner Andrew Hamilton on the show in the late Seventies. They went on to create *Drop the Dead Donkey*. "*Weekending* runs for 44 weeks and having to come up with half an hour of material every week was useful training."

Everyone talks with fondness about the show, although some agree that it is probably time, as Mark Burton says, "for it to go to the great sketch in the sky". In the early days, its lampooning of politicians seemed risqué, even when *Nationwide* presenter Michael Barrett introduced each sketch. But now that satire has become more mainstream, and satirists such as Rory Bremner, Mark Thomas and Chris Morris more savage, many think it has lost its edge. One problem was that it never had a live audience. "It was never as tough a test for writers as it might have been," says Bill Dare, a previous producer. "We never knew if people thought it was funny." And while it was a great opportunity for new writers, their inexperience sometimes showed. "It could be a bit like the blind leading the blind."

The BBC is asking in-house and independent producers to come up with a new format for the same Friday night show. But they do not know if it will have an open-door policy. "This is not a death knell to comedy or new talent," argues Andrew Caspari, one of Radio 4's commissioning editors. The new schedules, he points out, have more time dedicated to comedy, including an 11 o'clock slot every night.

Baddiel's advice is to brave the cabaret circuit. "If you don't want to perform, write for someone else. You learn that in front of an audience you can't get away with rubbish. Eventually, you have to make them laugh. But it's a pity if people go straight from there to TV. Radio gives you a chance to make mistakes in front of a smaller audience."

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The art of spinning

Peter Mandelson, left, and John Prescott: Labour is starting to find that the co-ordination of messages (to say nothing of big egos) is just that little bit harder in government

New Labour's spin-doctoring skills will face their true test when the political honeymoon ends and Tony Blair comes under fire, says **Charles Lewington**

So, John "The Shark" Prescott and Peter "The Crab" Mandelson cannot agree what to say about those terrible German Millennium Dome builders. The Deputy Prime Minister says the British construction industry should hang its head in shame. The Minister without Portfolio says the Brits have done bloody well out of the (his) Millennium Project, and Mr Prescott, who is DPM in name only, can go whistle. Enter the Chinese mitten crab, sidling in on cue to complete a classic Whitehall farce.

I hesitate to say this, but it looks as if new Labour is starting to find that the co-ordination of messages (to say nothing of big egos) is just that little bit harder in government than in opposition. It is one thing to sit in some House of Commons garret deciding what insult to hurl at which Cabinet minister for the next television bulletin. It is quite another — when the proverbial you-know-what hits the fan — to square Downing Street, or the relevant ministers, the private offices, and the press offices, in time for a *World At One* bid in 20 minutes' time, with the radio car on its way. Particularly when the ministers concerned dislike each other.

> Labour has yet to come under political attack

How piquant that such a cock-up should involve the Master of Spin himself, Mr Mandelson, who says that "information control" was at the heart of his election strategy, and is supposed to be at the heart of his strategy for government.

It may be a minor incident — compared with the Tory Cabinet's disagreements over Europe, this *is* minor league — but it should start to dispel the myth of the infallibility of new Labour's spin-dryer.

According to the energetic BBC correspondent Nicholas Jones, this is a machine that can move mountains, shift thousands of votes overnight, and exercise such influence over news broadcasts that all other spin-doctors should go into immediate retirement.

In his account of the election, *Campaign 1997*, Jones claimed that Labour's news managers turned a near-certain Blair victory into a landslide owing to their ability to persuade journalists that the Conservatives were incompetent, arrogant, and split down the middle — as if they needed reminding.

Such is the BBC reporter's gushing admiration for Labour's news management skills that at one point he is forced to emphasise that he in no way intends to demean the part Tony Blair played in winning the election.

But Jones fails to draw any distinction between the challenges of opposition and those of government. It is a rather different art form which requires different skills.

Isn't this the voice of an embittered former Tory spin-doctor, envious of new Labour's news management skills, and looking for the first opportunity to stick the knife in?

Don't get me wrong. I *am* envious of the politicisation of the Downing Street press machinery, the appointment of departmental political press spokesmen (and women) and the updating of the completely useless Cab-e-net computer system.

Michael Heseltine's EDCP Committee, which met daily to try to manage the news, was too large and unwieldy. I counted 25 people at one meeting in Hezza's room, sunk deep into his comfortable sofas. We couldn't discuss political issues with civil servants present, and it was difficult to discuss government matters without civil servants. So we ended up with the worst of both worlds.

Charles Lewington: envious of news management skills

The Cab-e-net system was derided by civil servants and ministers alike. Steven Norris used to list every trivial ministerial engagement on it — short of dinner dates with a girlfriend — to give the impression that he was the busiest minister in government.

The failure of Conservative Central Office to exercise much, if any, control over the Government's information machinery was a source of huge frustration. But the reality is that because of the Conservative Government's ability to shoot itself in both feet on a daily basis, new Labour has come under sustained political attack only two or three times since Blair was elected leader.

The first was in January, 1996, when Harriet Harman, then social security spokeswoman, decided to send her son to an opted-out grammar school; the second was at the start of the election campaign when the Shadow Cabinet was confused, but more to the point, embarrassed over its plans for statutory recognition of trade unions in the workplace; and the third was the chaos surrounding the privatisation of air-traffic control, resulting in Labour's Wobbly campaign Wednesday.

On each occasion, the deployment of numerous spin-doctors was deeply counter-productive. The briefings were confused and often contradictory. Statements were made up on the hoof, and political journalists would often remark to me that "the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing".

Interestingly, in each of the three cases, new Labour had been caught indulging in hypocrisy on a grand scale: Harman using a grammar-school system which Labour was (then) committed to opposing; Blair pretending to be tough on unions in one breath, while conceding to their bottom-line demands in another; and new Labour asserting its conversion to Thatcherism by promising to sell off National Air Traffic Services, while assuring union leaders of the opposite in private.

> The few minor alarms have been dealt with deftly

The moral is that if you are caught speaking with forked tongue, you can't rely on your tongue to talk your way out of the problem. Since the election, new Labour has yet to come under political attack, partly because the press has respected the honeymoon, and partly because of the grieving process in the Conservative Party. There have been skirmishes over the share portfolio of Lord Simon of Highbury, a new Labour business appointee, but nothing more substantial to test the defensive skills of the spin-masters.

The few minor alarms have been dealt with deftly. The break-up of Robin Cook's marriage was neat news management, although not every jilted wife will accept that one hour is a reasonable amount of time to decide whether to end a marriage. The saga of the Millennium Dome does not show that new Labour is "coming apart at the seams", as David Willetts rather ambitiously described the incident on Monday, but that news management in opposition is rather simpler than news management in government.

And only when things really start hotting up for the Prime Minister can we test whether new Labour's spin-doctoring skills are real or simply a well-spun myth.

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THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

A fresh role for Gwyneth

CHERIE BLAIR, who elegantly slipped into the role of guest editor at *Prima* magazine last year, appears to have started a trend. US *Marie Claire* is to have Gwyneth Paltrow as editor of its Christmas edition.

Executives feared the winsome actress, who starred in *Emma*, would think again when her engagement to Brad Pitt was broken off.

Gwyneth Paltrow

"We thought she might be too upset but she came right in and chaired the features meetings," said an impressed *Marie Claire* source. However, she denied the Cherie Blair precedent. "Everybody knows it was Glenda Bailey who invented this when she got her Christmas edition of *Marie Claire* UK edited by Joan Collins."

Wrong numbers

AS Camelot directors lick their wounds over the loss of their £600,000 court case, news reaches The Listener that the strain might be getting to the company's staff. After every draw Camelot minions immediately fax the Press Association to confirm the winning numbers. However, of late they have been getting the numbers wrong. "It is incredible that they, of all people, could get it wrong. But they do — frequently," an insider at PA said. "To make it worse, one night one of us thought we had won the jackpot."

Quiet days

AUGUST is the cruellest month for newsdesks desperate to find something to fill the news pages. Few come more inventive than the *Evening Standard*, which recently carried a splash headlined "Warning on Addict Lawyers".

According to the article, a helpline for lawyers revealed "alarming levels of cocaine and heroin addiction among solicitors and barristers". No statistics were offered. Could this be because, of 44 lawyers who have called the helpline since May, only two calls were drug-related? By chance the *Standard* was also running a special feature on the druggy lawyers in the TV drama *This Life*.

Islington man

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Danny Baker

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Style is of the essence

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

Eighteen of us were seated at an alfresco lunch in the depths of rural Gascony two weeks ago, and I hadn't thought of Wapping for at least three days. Then my neighbour turned and subjected me to a public trial: *The Times* had described somebody as an "author and writer". What had I to say about that?

The foie gras melted as I mounted an unconvincing defence and, with hindsight, I wish that I had had to hand the 291-page booklet published at *The Times* last week and given to every member of the staff. The second edition of the 1995 version of *The Times Style Guide* provides writers and sub-editors with a quick reference to contentious points of grammar and spelling and determines how *The Times* is written. It would have demonstrated to my Wykehamist inquisitor, a prominent London barrister, how hard *The Times* and other newspapers try to maintain standards of correct English usage as they edit at high speed hundreds of thousands of words a day.

The responsibility for maintaining standards at *The Times* throughout the 40 to 60 pages of the daily paper belongs to Tim Austin, the chief revise editor. He starts work at 2.30pm, reads a proof of every page, checks reports and features for accuracy and tone, corrects errors of style and grammar, and works until past midnight.

Until the Nineties, the main job of a revise editor was checking that reports conformed to the newspaper's style. One of the main jobs now is correcting grammar — which is also the main area of complaint in letters from readers to the Editor. "Many skilled journalists who left school in the Eighties and Nineties have simply not been taught grammar; they have never heard of the unrelated participle," says Austin.

> 'I blush to think I referred to Christ Church College'

Style matters, because it defines a newspaper's character. I still blush at my worst howler on *The Times*, when I reported a conference at "Christ Church College, Oxford". As our style book warns (sorry, gives warning), it is, of course, Christ Church. I was rebuked by a distinguished public school headmaster, who added witheringly that he had imagined that even if I did not know the correct title, the sub-editors would have put me right.

I spent a lot of time in those days with headmasters. They were always quick to detect lapses of style or grammar — another of mine was the use of "all of" instead of all, which now appears daily in one newspaper or another. So I received an early lesson in how upset readers can become when journalists do not know the basic rules of grammar or are ignorant of styles of title in the Armed Forces, the Churches or the Courts, especially if they are soldiers, clergymen or lawyers — so upset that they may cancel their subscriptions.

The style book makes fascinating reading. Take the world's most famous woman. She is Diana, Princess of Wales, at first mention, subsequently the Princess (with a capital, as she still remains a member of the Royal Family) and *never* Princess Diana or — even worse — Princess Di (except in reported speech). The Duchess of York, however, has capitals at first mention but is demoted subsequently to the duchess (lower case) because she is no longer a member of the Royal Family (always upper case).

Until only recently *The Times* tried to avoid the use of capital letters. It was prime minister, not Prime Minister. Capitals are now back in fashion: "The proper names of people and places, formal titles or titles of important offices, and the names of well-known and substantial institutions, all require capitals."

Among the clichés that are to be "resisted strongly" are backlash, brainchild, consensus, dramatic, legendary, mega-, prestigious, shambles and traumatic. Joining hyphens are rarely needed when adverbs are used to qualify adjectives. So it is heavily pregnant or colourfully decorated — unless the compound looks better with the hyphen, in which case it can be well-founded or ill-educated.

There is guidance on participles, particularly when they are unrelated. "Judging by the lingering camera shots, Jack's luck was not about to change" is wrong — judging requires a following noun or pronoun in agreement: "Judging by the lingering camera shots, I saw that Jack's luck . . ."

At this newspaper, the week ends on Saturday night; crash, shock and slam are to be avoided in headlines but bid (for attempt), crisis, hit (adversely affect) and row (clash or dispute) are OK (not okay) if they are not overworked: farther is applied only to distance; emphasise is preferred to stress; and almost every surname (except for convicted offenders, the dead and cases where common usage omits a title, mostly in arts and sport) should be granted the courtesy of a title, with Ms fully acceptable.

Maintaining style is obviously important, but it should not be a straitjacket and should not destroy the style of the best writers and columnists. Sub-editors do not tamper with the prose of Bernard Levin, Simon Jenkins or Matthew Parris or, of course, the Editor (always caps).

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NEWS

Scottish row MP suspended

■ The Labour MP Tommy Graham was suspended by his party pending an investigation into local politics in Renfrewshire. But he was cleared of any responsibility for the suicide of fellow MP Gordon McMaster last month.

The Chief Whip, Nick Brown, said that serious allegations remained against Mr Graham, including that he had worked with a "known opponent" of the party .... **Page 1**

IRA men get easier life in jail

■ The Government was accused of capitulating to the IRA after eight convicted terrorists and five men charged with terrorist offences were moved out of Britain's most secure jail units. The decision to lower their security classification, giving them an easier jail life, was seen as a government response to Sinn Fein after the latest IRA ceasefire .... **Page 1**

BP offer

The oil giant BP moved to defuse its wrangle with Greenpeace by offering *to suspend a £1.4 million* court action on condition the group's members keep clear of BP's Atlantic oilfield .... **Page 1**

Union agenda

Trade unions are preparing to confront the Government over employment rights, the minimum wage and NHS privatisation at the TUC Congress next month .... **Page 2**

Jail victory

A girl of 16 won a High Court test case when a Home Office policy of initially sending young female offenders sentenced to detention to an adult jail was ruled unlawful .... **Page 2**

Art alert

For the first time in its 229-year history, the Royal Academy of Arts has felt obliged to display health warnings for anyone visiting its forthcoming show . **Page 3**

Human torpedo

A restored Second World War human torpedo Mark II — a *missile packed with explosives* and two frogmen — went on show to the for the first time ..... **Page 4**

Hot stuff

Record purchases of ice-cream, electric fans and air-conditioning units are helping Britain to cope with what could be the hottest August for 300 years .... **Page 5**

Queen of tourism

Queen Victoria possibly did more than anyone else to create a British *tourism industry*, aided by a new-found prosperity during her reign .... **Page 6**

Sporting strife

Playing fields once the pride of the Inner London Education Authority will be the first test of government policy to stop sports grounds needed by schools and communities being sold ... **Page 7**

Silicone decision

A New Orleans jury has found that a leading chemical company did not properly test its silicone breast implants for safety in humans, paving the way for potentially massive compensation payouts .... **Page 8**

Titanic loss

Millvina Dean, 85, of Southampton, has finally set foot in the American house that would have been hers had the *Titanic* not gone down, leaving her the youngest *survivor* .... **Page 9**

Mir success

The three-man crew on Russia's *crippled space station restarted* their computer system and regained control of *Mir* ..... **Page 10**

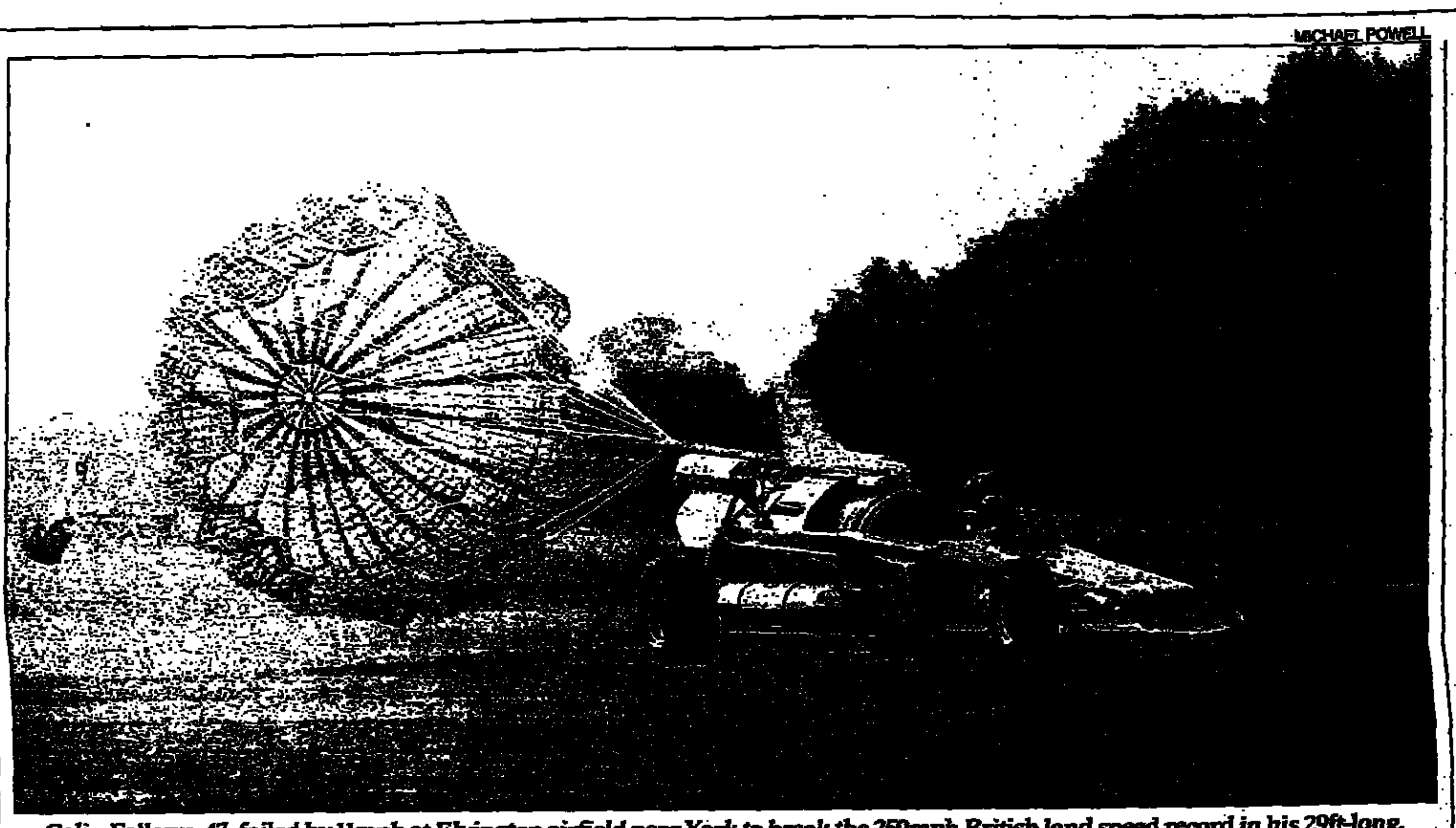
Taleban victims

Taleban fighters are shooting unarmed civilians *fleeing from* Kabul, refugees crossing into territory held by forces loyal to Ahmed Shah Masood said .... **Page 11**

Early harvest points to a vintage '97

■ The earliest wine harvest for more than a century got under way in Bordeaux this week — fully five weeks before the usual start of the vendanges — thanks to a combination of climatic factors. It raised hopes that 1997 may prove to be one of the great vintages of modern times. The earliest Bordeaux wine harvest on record began on August 15, 1893 .... **Page 1**

MICHAEL POWELL



Colin Fallows, 47, failed by 11mph at Elvington airfield near York to break the 259mph British land speed record in his 29ft-long, Rolls-Royce powered "Vampire" after a crow damaged the engine's air intake. The car has clocked 407mph unofficially

BUSINESS

Laura Ashley: Ann Iverson, the £1 million-a-year American chief executive of Laura Ashley, vowed to remain in her job after saying the company will make no profit this year .... **Page 23**

Executive pay: Greg Hutchings, chairman of Tomkins, picked up £2.09 million in pay, bonus and exercised share options ..... **Page 23**

Off the menu: Break for the Border, the themed restaurant operator, has put a "for sale" sign over its music and theatre *interests* .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 79.2 points to close at 4914.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 102.3 to 102.6 after a fall from $1.6106 to $1.6058 but a rise from DM2.9350 to DM2.9487.... **Page 26**

SPORT

Swimming: Michelle Smith, of Ireland, won the 400 metres individual medley at the European championships in Seville. Paul Palmer, of Britain, won the 200 metres freestyle .... **Page 44**

Cricket: On the eve of the final *Ashes Test, David Lloyd, the England* coach, expressed his frustration with the team's recurrent failings .... **Page 40**

Rugby union: Andy Nicol, Bath's new captain, will miss Saturday's start of the English league season. A pulled hamstring has forced him to stand down against Newcastle .... **Page 38**

Racing: Singspiel, ridden by Frankie Dettori, beat a field including Derby winners from Epsom and the Curragh .... **Page 39**

ARTS

Dallas dynamism: *Richard* Morrison on how oil-rich Dallas set about building itself a world-class symphony orchestra — and the weekend Prom that will reveal the results .... **Page 30**

Rising star: Asha Kahlon was a *waitress at Hammersmith's Lyric* Theatre to pay her way through drama school. Now she is back in a star role .... **Page 30**

Euro-encounters: Hollywood has ruled the science-fiction roost for too long; now the old empire is striking back with a dark visual style all its own .... **Page 31**

Feeble flame: Spanish zarzuela comes to Edinburgh in the form of Tomas Breton's *La Verbena de la Paloma* — but where are the vibrant rhythms? .... **Page 32**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **FILM**
Geoff Brown on Patricia Arquette in David Lynch's new film, *Lost Highway*

■ **BOOKS**
Roy Jenkins on the career of Stafford Cripps and Roy Strong on the gardens of Windsor

FEATURES

Bohemian rhapsody: *It can* be only a matter of time before someone bottles Portobello Road *and sells it* at Harvey Nichols .... **Page 12**

Housewife's lot: The husband leaves in the morning, the children go to school. The wife and mother is alone; she attends to a thousand small tasks; why shouldn't she enjoy a *drink?* .... **Page 13**

Last laugh: At the Edinburgh Television Festival, two of Britain's most successful sitcom writers, Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, will *accuse broadcasting* executives of failing to nurture and support comedy talent...... **Page 20**

Mixed messages: New Labour is finding that the co-ordination of messages (to say nothing of big egos) is that little bit harder in government than in opposition, says Charles Lewington .... **Page 21**

Conversion therapy: Large period country houses are being split up into wings or large apartments — and finding buyers .... **Page 33**

Helmut Kohl has staked his domestic prestige on the battle for the euro with all the awesome energy of an old lion .. but his gamble could lead to the Left regaining power in Germany for the first time in 15 years — *La Repubblica*

TV & RADIO

Preview: Raymond Baxter recalls highlights of *Tomorrow's World* (BBC1, 7.30pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond praises Lucy Jago's Hungerford film, ten years after the massacre .... **Pages 42, 43**

The Paisley carnival

Instead of being participants in a *democratic festival*, Scotland's voters have become witnesses to a carnival of *scandal* .... **Page 15**

Out of its depth

Greenpeace's undoubted talent for catchy slogans — in this case, the simplistic "no to new oil" — is no substitute for sound environmental science .... **Page 15**

The Queen and Dyer

Amritsar is revered by Sikhs as their own "Vatican", and a visit by the Queen would also have been an elegant way to take account of the sentiments of those Britons themselves of Sikh origin .... **Page 15**

SIMON JENKINS

Once again the Old Vic is under threat . . . but a magic ingredient keeps theatres going .... **Page 14**

MAGNUS LINKLATER

The imminent suspension of a Labour MP accused of smearing a now dead colleague has brought a seedy and unpleasant affair out of Labour's backyard and dumped it on the front pavement at exactly the wrong moment .... **Page 14**

SUE CAMERON

The new Cabinet Secretary, Sir Richard Wilson, inherits a Whitehall torn between triumphalism and deep unease .... **Page 14**

SIMON BARNES

John Major has leapt back into public life with all the forethought and planning of the Last of the Brudenells at the head of the Light Brigade. He could not help himself. The subject, you see, was cricket .... **Page 42**

Major-General John Churcher, former Director of Military Training in the War Office; **Professor William Parry-Jones**, psychiatrist; **Eric Halladay**, historian of rowing .... **Page 17**

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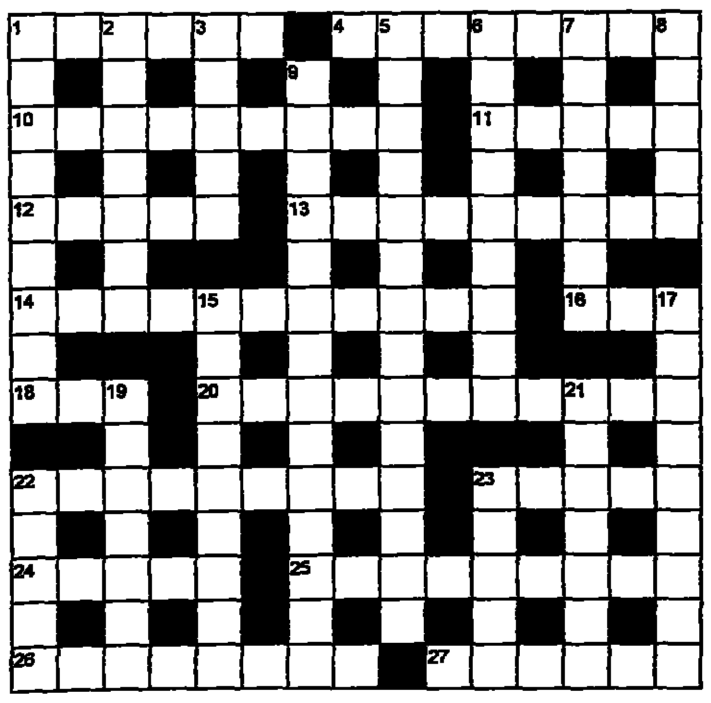

ACROSS

1 Row about double parking of truck (6).
4 Means of examining approaches *to the labyrinth* (8).
10 Flier sets course for Newcastle? (9).
11 Vessel carrying vital stuff from China or Taiwan (5).
12 Man, for example, added to a division in church (5).
13 He takes care of litter wind here's disturbed (9).
14 Person committing slander left a main court, free (11).
16 Money received by auditor as note (5).
18 Tropical climber seen in English tree? Just the opposite (3).
20 Settle new males into satisfactory courses (6,5).
22 Striking player in North is welcomed by one boy after another (9).
23 Army quarters taking detachment (5).
24 Vehicle used in India and Pacific islands (5).
25 Alternative colour of flower that's normally blue or white (4-5).
26 Got off to a bad start at Newmarket? (8).
27 *Part of the week-end when* articles are removed for firm (6).

DOWN

1 *As a rule, the responsibility of* quartermasters? (9).
2 *Reading of The Country Girl* (7).
3 Without it *en suite*, what's to *come next?* (5).
5 Interest the law, possibly, in dramatic *affairs* of Sicilians (3,7,4).
6 Entrapped spirit that gets rattled when beaten (5-4).
7 Tangle that might interfere with boat's propeller? (7).
8 Antelope seen in English countryside (5).
9 Walk like some monarchs (14).
15 Bungle organisation of main games (9).
17 Ready to keep quiet (4-5).
19 Turning effects of mechanics, in seconds (7).
21 Status of a Rugby Union team turning out? Not necessarily, nowadays (7).
22 *Carry to mass a symbolic image* (5).
23 *It makes a good deal of sense* (5).

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Northern Ireland will start cloudy with *some rain, then should brighten.* Western Scotland, Wales and the West Country will also be warm, but with some showers. Eastern Scotland, *northwest England, the West Midlands and central* southern England will have hot sunshine then some showers or thunder. East and southeast England should be *mainly hot.*

Northern Ireland and western Scotland will have showers tonight. Thundery showers in England, Wales and eastern Scotland will die out.

☐ **London, E Midlands:** after early mist, humid with hazy sunshine and a small risk of a thundery shower. Light southeast wind. Max 31C (88F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, E England, Channel Isles, NE England:** after early mist, humid with hazy sunshine and a small risk of a thundery shower. Light southeast wind. Max 28C (82F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N:** hot and humid with hazy sunshine, but cloudy later with a few thundery showers. Light southerly wind. Max 28C (82F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** warm but showery. Light southerly breeze. Max 26C (79F)

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** humid with some sunshine but risk of thundery showers this afternoon. Moderate southeast wind. Max 26C *(79F); cooler and maybe misty on coasts.*

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland:** some bright spells, but humid with cloud and some rain. *Moderate southerly wind. Max 22C* (72F).

☐ **Central Highlands:** humid with some sun but increasing cloud may produce thundery showers. Moderate southeast wind. Max 25C (77F)

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** mainly cloudy with patches of mist and fog and perhaps some light drizzle. Moderate to fresh southeast wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Northern Ireland:** *cloudy with outbreaks of* rain, then brightening with warm sunshine. Moderate southerly wind. Max 25C (77F).

☐ **Ireland:** sunny intervals, scattered showers. Moderate southerly winds. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Outlook:** the south and east will remain hot with isolated thundery showers. The north and west will slowly become cooler with some rain

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

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Anglesey	12.9	-	26	79	s	Jersey	2.3	0.01	26	79	b
Aspatria	10.7	-	27	81	s	Leeds	7.3	-	28	82	s
Aviemore	9.0	-	25	77	fg	Lerwick	2.4	-	17	63	fg
Belfast	11.9	-	25	77	s	Leuchars	4.0	0.01	20	68	c
Birmingham	11.1	-	31	88	s	London	10.0	-	30	86	s
Bognor R	11.8	-	27	81	s	Lowestoft	6.6	-	21	70	s
Bournem'th	10.9	-	24	75	s	Manchester	10.3	-	29	84	s
Bristol	1.3	-	29	84	t	Margate	8.5	-	25	77	s
Buxton	9.0	-	26	79	s	Minehead	5.4	0.01	27	81	b
Cardiff	7.4	-	26	79	b	Morecambe	12.4	-	29	84	s
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Beirut	28	82	f	Innsbrck	17	63	c	Naples	29	84	s	Toronto	21	70	s
Belgrade	27	81	s	Istanbul	24	75	f	Nice	26	79	s	Tunis	31	88	s
Berlin	26	79	s	Jeddah	35	95	s	Oslo	24	75	s	Valencia	30	86	s
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Biarritz	25	77	f	L Angels	24	75	s	Peking	34	93	s	Venice	26	79	s
Borde'x	29	84	c	L Palmas	25	77	s	Perth	15	59	s	Vienna	22	72	f
Brussels	27	81	s	Le Touquet	25	77	f	Prague	18	64	c	Warsaw	23	73	f
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Cairo	31	88	s	Locarno	24	75	s	Rhodes	29	84	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	X
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Luxembg	27	81	s	Rio de J	23	73	s	Zurich	25	77	s
Ch'church	19	66	X	Luxor	36	97	s	Riyadh	37	99	s				
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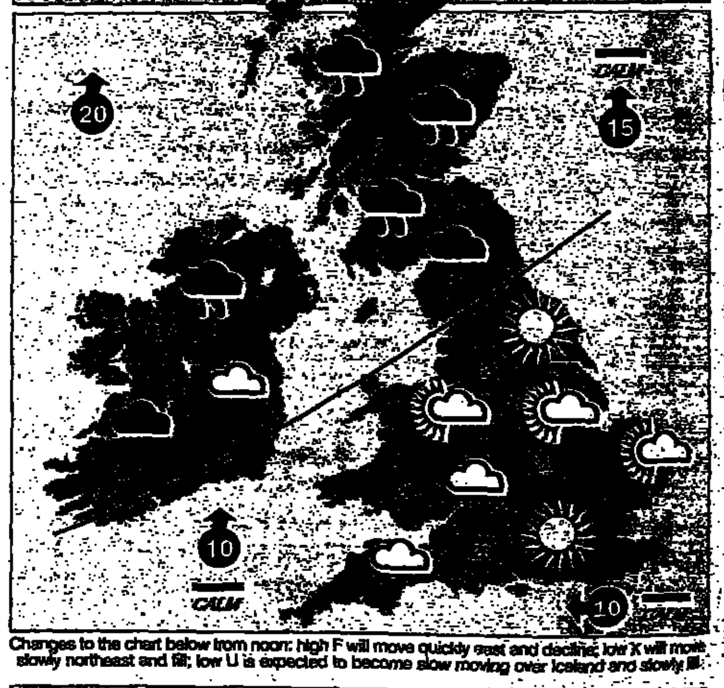

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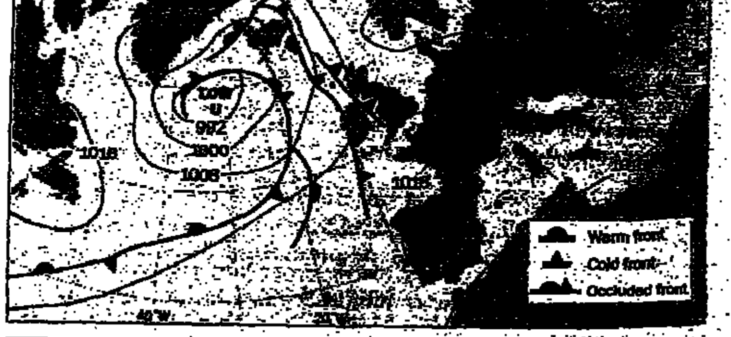

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Aberdeen	03.03	4.7	15.41	4.6	Liverpool	00.59	10.2	13.24	9.9
Avonmouth	09.24	14.1	21.45	14.5	Lowestoft	11.18	2.8	-	-
Belfast	00.41	3.7	13.12	3.5	Margate	01.58	4.9	14.08	5.0
Cardiff	09.10	13.0	21.31	13.3	Milford Haven	08.16	7.4	20.39	7.7
Devonport	07.51	5.7	20.10	6.0	Newquay	07.09	7.4	19.30	7.6
Dover	00.42	7.0	13.08	7.1	Oban	07.48	4.1	20.11	4.4
Dublin (N Wall)	01.12	4.5	13.47	4.3	Penzance	06.39	5.7	19.01	6.0
Falmouth	07.22	5.5	19.41	5.8	Portland	09.29	2.2	21.39	2.4
Greenock	02.31	3.8	14.57	3.5	Portsmouth	00.55	4.9	13.27	5.0
Harwich	01.46	4.4	14.03	4.3	Shoreham	00.57	6.6	13.30	6.6
Holyhead	-	-	12.25	5.8	Southampton	00.28	4.8	12.54	4.9
Hull (Albert D)	08.09	9.3	20.43	9.1	Swansea	08.26	10.3	20.46	10.6
Ilfracombe	08.04	9.8	20.27	10.1	Tees	05.32	5.9	18.06	5.7
King's Lynn	08.17	7.5	20.58	7.2	Walton-on-N	01.37	4.5	13.53	4.5

All times BST. Heights in metres.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Heathrow 31C (88F); lowest day max: Fair Isle 16C (61F); highest rainfall: Wittering, Cambridgeshire, 0.35in; highest sunshine: Anglesey 12.9hr.

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US and German rates pause soothes foreign exchanges

Greenspan: convincing case

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

LINGERING fears of another quick bout of currency instability on the foreign exchanges were soothed yesterday when Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board; and Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, convinced colleagues yet again that interest rates should not be changed.

Shares bounced back on London and continued to recover in New York. Weekend worries about asset prices were again banished to the sidelines. In London, the FTSE 100 index of blue chips gained 79.2 points or 1.7 per cent to 4,914.2, retrieving almost half the losses of Friday and Monday. On the Continent, the Eurotrak 100 index gaining 1.9 per cent.

Second-line UK stocks, which missed most of this year's boom but also the weekend upsets, again missed out on the euphoria, edging up 0.5 per cent. The FTSE 250 index gained 17.2 points to 4,680.8.

In New York, a volatile Dow Jones industrial average was up 63 points at midday to 7,866, retrieving two thirds of Friday's losses in this week's two trading days.

In Hong Kong, which was closed on Monday, prices fell sharply, partly in response to a rise in interbank interest rates to resist an attack on the Hong Kong dollar. The Hang Seng index lost 3.8 per cent, or 619.62 points, to close at 15,477.26. The Manila stock exchange was closed by monsoon floods.

Speculation had mounted last week that the Bundesbank might allow its repo rate, at which it gives credit to banks, to rise above the 3 per cent maintained for the past year. This became less likely as a series of interviews by members of the Bundsbank Council expressing their worries over the falling mark managed to talk it up. On Monday, another council member sought to prepare markets for a further standstill by saying that any rise in interest rates would damage Germany's domestic economy, a view echoed yesterday by OECD, the Paris-based agency, which said the mark's fall should last.

The dollar climbed back further against the mark on the foreign exchanges, again attaining DM1.84. Sterling made a more modest gain of 1.4 pfennings to DM2.9487, but edged down against the dollar. The sterling index rose from 102.3 to 102.6 on the day.

Few would have contemplated a change in the Fed's stance this month were it not for the fears stirred on Friday. Although much-vilified official statistics of productivity growth remain low, the economy continues to expand with no sign of rising inflation or wage growth. The Fed has not changed rates since March and will not meet again until September 30.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4914.2	(+79.2)
Yield	3.36%	
FTSE All share	2317.83	(+30.46)
Nikkei	18961.00	(-80.10)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7866.54	(+63.18)*
S&P Composite	921.55	(+9.06)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 7/16%*	(5 1/2%)
Long Bond	98 7/32*	(98 9/32)
Yield	6.61%*	(6.52%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7 3/16%	(7 5/32%)
Ldte long gilt future (Sep)	115 7/16	(115 1/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6035*	(1.6041)
London:		
$	1.6062	(1.6109)
DM	2.9496	(2.9356)
FFr	9.9366	(9.8953)
SFr	2.4320	(2.4330)
Yen	189.84	(189.66)
£ Index	102.6	(102.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.8410*	(1.8347)
FFr	6.1960*	(6.1835)
SFr	1.5160*	(1.5175)
Yen	118.30*	(118.07)
$ Index	106.1	(105.6)

Tokyo close Yen 117.94

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$19.30	($19.00)

GOLD

London close	$322.85	($322.95)

* denotes midday trading price

US cosmetics queen eyes Laura Ashley

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM, RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

AS ANN IVERSON, Laura Ashley chief executive, insisted last night that she has no intention of resigning, another feisty American admitted she was considering a bid for the company.

Georgette Mosbacher, a successful cosmetics entrepreneur who tried to buy Laura Ashley two years ago, said: "I still very much like the company." Asked whether she might make an offer, she said: "It is possible."

Yesterday the company revealed worse than expected losses and plans to close two of its factories in Wales. The £1 million-a-year Mrs Iverson acknowledged that the company will make no profit this year, and she is being forced to abandon expansion plans in the United States: "I have not considered leaving and have the full support of the board and major shareholders," she said. "Pressure is to be expected. We need to get it right."

With the company's fortunes at such a low ebb, there is some speculation that a bidder could come forward and Georgette Mosbacher is a favourite contender. The wife of Bob Mosbacher, former US Commerce Secretary, she bought and successfully turned round the La Prairie cosmetics company. Her interest in Laura Ashley stems from a belief that she could effect a similar turnaround there and two years ago she tried to persuade Sir Bernard Ashley to sell his shares to her.

Although he refused then, she has kept a careful watch on the company ever since. The latest news is likely to persuade her to renew her takeover efforts, although last night she said she had yet to make another approach.

Laura Ashley, one of the largest employers in rural Wales, will make up to 190 workers redundant with the closure of two of its garment factories in Caernarfon and Machynlleth. The work will be transferred to lower-cost factories abroad.

News of the closures caused a storm of local protest. Lembit Opik, Liberal Democrat MP for Machynlleth, said he would be seeking a meeting with Mrs Iverson: "I shall be asking the chief executive if Montgomeryshire people are paying the price for the company's mistakes on overstocking," he said.

The company's four other Welsh factories, employing 677 staff, remain under review, Mrs Iverson said. Sir Bernard, the co-founder, owner of a third of the stock and a non-executive director, has protected the factories in the past but went along with the board decision on closures.

The Welsh shutdowns will cost the company £1 million, contributing, along with a further £900,000 to cover overstocking, to a first-half pre-tax loss of £4.5 million. Although it expects to see a profit in the second half, the result for the whole year will be "approximately breakeven". Second-half earnings will be hit by the return to full-price sales after weeks of heavy discounting.

Mrs Iverson said that the company will open five stores in the US in the second half, as expected, but will open no stores there next year. It had expected to add 10 stores to its US chain in 1998. Instead it will spend £2 million on a US advertising campaign.

Group like-for-like sales in the first half were up 5 per cent. In the UK, they were 11 per cent ahead, in North America up 4 per cent, and on mainland Europe they fell 9 per cent. The gross margin fell from 48.4 to 40.5 per cent.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Greg Hutchings, chairman of Tomkins, still retains share options in the company valued at £1.7 million

Hutchings pay package tops £2m

BY JASON NISSÉ

GREG HUTCHINGS, chairman of Tomkins, the bread, guns and bicycles group, picked up £2.09 million in pay, bonus and exercised share options last year.

Mr Hutchings received a 21 per cent increase in his salary package to £1.36 million, the first increase since 1993. In addition he cashed in share options creating a profit of £730,000 and retains share options, valued in the group's accounts at £1.7 million.

Ian Duncan, finance director, was awarded a 48 per cent increase in pay and bonus to £912,000. Bob Muddimer, deputy chairman, nearly doubled his pay package to £605,000.

The packages are determined by the remuneration commitee — which includes Charles Gates, who is paid a $250,000 (£155,000) a year consultancy by Tomkins.

Another company unloved by the City, Matthew Clark, revealed 50 per cent pay rises for its three senior directors. The troubled cider maker increased the basic pay of Peter Aikens, chief executive, from £151,000 to £230,000 while two other directors, Hugh Etheridge and Peter Huntley, saw their salaries rise from £87,000 to £130,000. None of them recived bonus payments, which meant their total packages fell.

The salary increases were agreed in May last year, four months before the company revealed that it was facing problems caused by the competition from alcopops.

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Exchange was 'ready to censure Anite'

A SECOND Stock Exchange inquiry into Anite, the computer networks group, has found that the former market high-flyer withheld important information about a misleading profits announcement (Paul Durman writes).

It is understood that the exchange would have been ready to publicly censure Anite were it not for the departures of Roger Holland, Jon Richards and Jeff Harrison — respectively its former chairman, chief executive and finance director.

Mr Holland has taken control of Case Technology, previously an Anite loss-maker, and is a Tomkins director.

Granada buyout at knock-down price

BY DOMINIC WALSH

GRANADA, the media and leisure combine, is poised to sell its computer services division to a management buyout team backed by venture capital.

A confidential memorandum, circulated to senior executives, suggests the deal will be completed in September. Analysts believe that the business, built up in the 1980s through a string of acquisitions totalling more than £200 million, could fetch no more than £80 million.

Granada's interim results in June were hit by a £167 million goodwill writedown against the value of the business, which made a profit in the half year of £4.7 million. It provides emergency services and has maintenance contracts with companies such as British Aerospace. The disposal is the latest in a series of non-core asset disposals in the wake of Granada's acquisition of the Forte hotel and catering empire. So far it has recouped more than £1.3 billion of the £3.9 billion purchase price.

It is understood that negotiations are continuing over a £350 million-plus deal to sell Grosvenor House Hotel, Forte's flagship in London's Park Lane. The hotel formed part of the Exclusive Hotels package put up for sale last year, but was taken off the market six months ago.

The prospective purchaser is a consortium of Middle Eastern investors linked to the kingdom of Qatar's ruling Althani family.

A deal whereby Ritz-Carlton, the US hotel group, would have managed the property appears to have fallen through.

Long-distance operators in line for US phone win

BY ERIC REGULY

AMERICAN regulators were expected last night to hand a victory to the long-distance phone companies by rejecting a regional phone company bid to compete in their markets.

The ruling is crucial to the fortunes of MCI, the long-distance operator that is to be bought by British Telecom in the autumn for about £14 billion. MCI has been complaining since last year that the regional phone companies are unfairly resisting its efforts to compete in the local markets, an area in which it wants to expand.

MCI's mounting losses in the local market triggered a surprise profits warning last month that sent BT's share price plummeting.

The Federal Communications Commission, the top telecoms regulator, was expected to reject an application from Ameritech, the regional phone company, to enter the $80 billion (£50 billion) long-distance market because it has not opened up its own markets sufficiently to new competitors, including MCI and AT&T. The 1996 Telecommunications Act gave local and regional operators the right to offer long-distance service as long as the long-distance operators were free to compete in their own markets.

Bert Roberts, MCI's chairman, accuses Ameritech of using blocking techniques to ensure its local monopolies remain intact. He said Ameritech and the other regional operators still control 99 per of their markets in spite of a $2 billion spend by MCI to build local infrastructure. In June, the FCC rejected a bid by SBC Communications regional phone company to offer long-distance service because it failed to meet requirements.

BT wants to reduce the price it is paying for MCI because its losses in the local market will be higher than expected. However, MCI is indicating there is no room to renegotiate. BT fears that institutions will demand the resignations of Sir Iain Vallance, chairman, and Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, if the price is unchanged.

If the merger is completed, BT probably will attempt to reduce MCI's losses by cutting local market investment. BT's strategy will be unveiled this month when it completes a review of the merger.

Break for the Border breaks from music

BY DOMINIC WALSH

BREAK FOR THE BORDER, the themed restaurant operator, has put a "for sale" sign over its music and theatre interests, comprising the Shepherd's Bush Empire and Brixton Academy in London; Gaiety Theatre, Dublin; and the Birmingham Empire.

The group announced yesterday that Ian Howard, group chief executive and one of the company's founders, was stepping down to pursue a buyout of the majority of the division although further offers are still being canvassed. Mr Howard, who will remain a non-executive director, has already submitted an indicative offer for the three music venues but is not interested in the Gaiety Theatre. Analysts estimate that the business as a whole could fetch between £7 million and £10 million.

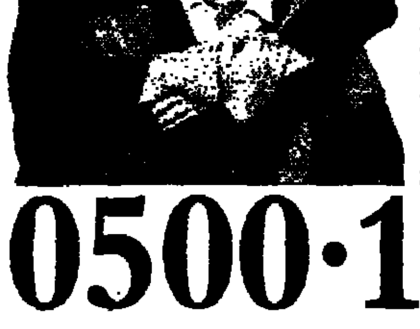
Roger Beaumont, who is stepping up from operations director to become group managing director, said the move would enable the company to focus on its more profitable restaurants. "These venues take up an inordinate amount of cash and I didn't see how they fitted with our restaurants and bars," he said. "Too many companies try to chase too many rainbows. We should be concentrating on the core business."

The emphasis will be on developing Break for the Border, a Tex-Mex concept with two outlets in London and one in Dublin. The next is due to open in Leeds in January and further sites are in the pipeline.

Of the company's other units, Café en Seine in Dublin may also be expanded but assets such as the Grafton Plaza Hotel in Dublin are unlikely to be retained in the long term. An offer has in fact already been received for Lawson Beaumont, the outside events business acquired for £1.8 million in 1995.

One analyst said that the decision to sell the music venues was long overdue. He said: "This company has shown a complete lack of strategy when it should have been concentrating on the core Break for the Border concept."

Break for the Border shares were unchanged at 49p yesterday, against a 12-month high of 68¼p.



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Firms fear tax-linked leap in electricity prices

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

BUSINESSES are facing big rises in electricity prices in what they fear is a move by the electricity industry to recoup the windfall tax and bolster margins ahead of a new regulatory price control.

Large customers report unprecedented price increases of up to 20 per cent on the generation part of their electricity bills in new contracts under negotiation.

Generation charges are unregulated and make up about half of a bill, while other components — such as transmission and distribution — are regulated. Business and industrial customers spend about £1 million a factory or about £50,000 a retail outlet each year on electricity.

The price rises have important implications for the wholesale price of electricity and contradict forecasts from the electricity regulator that generation costs will fall by between 4 and 12 per cent in the wholesale market.

Bob Spears, of the Utility Buyers Forum, said: "These increases are unjustifiable. We are seeing rises far above RPI for which there should be no cause." Companies in the forum believe that the electricity companies are cranking up prices to rake back some of the windfall tax.

Utility companies gave warning ahead of the £5.2 billion windfall tax that it would lead to increased prices. However, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said that the companies would be able to absorb the tax. Domestic customers are — until the next price reviews — protected from price jumps by regulation, but business is not.

Don McGarrigle, an energy adviser who works for several large companies, said: "The rises are staggering. With increases between 10 and 20 per cent, there is a strong belief that they are trying to pass on the windfall tax and guarding against the supply price review."

A spokeswoman for the Electricity Association, the trade body, said that it had no details on the current round of contract talks, which were private between suppliers and customers.

Stephen Littlechild, the industry watchdog, will today set out the last discussion paper in the supply price review, which — he intends — will cut domestic electricity prices by £30 a year. Plans unveiled so far have incensed regional electricity companies, some of which are threatening to go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Virgin and Nomura consider rail sales

By Fraser Nelson

RICHARD BRANSON and Nomura Bank are set to become two of the last beneficiaries of the privatisation of British Rail through selling interests in their respective train companies next year.

Virgin Trains, which runs Cross Country and West Coast Trains franchises, has appointed Merrill Lynch to look at a £250 million flotation about next spring. Nomura, the Japanese bank, is considering an £800 million sale of Angel Trains, which it bought from the Government for £672 million in a deal with the management three years ago.

Both deals would make millions for their owners, and will be held as further evidence that the Government shortchanged the taxpayer through enthusiasm to release the system to the private sector.

The two companies are already working closely together in the run-up to the £2.25 billion refurbishment on Virgin's two franchises, which was agreed by the Franchising Director, who in return gave Virgin a £1 billion subsidy over 15 years.

Virgin is currently using Angel's procurement specialists to advise it on the type of trains to replace its ageing fleet of 120 trains. On Friday week, it will invite the three rolling stock companies — including Angel — to bid for the £750 million contract, which it will put out to tender.

The relationship prompted speculation in the City that the two companies might agree a merger and follow the example set when Stagecoach bought the Porterbrook leasing company last year.

One analyst said: "The story of Virgin Trains over the next few years is one of a massive engineering project — one which will probably be the largest in the UK. Angel is basically a glorified rent collector, which is making an unbelievable amount of money from basically overcharging the rail companies. It would make a lot of sense for the two to get together — and Virgin has done stranger things than that in the past."

Will Whitehorn, managing director of Virgin Trains said a flotation was "more likely than not".

Angel Trains, the largest of the three leasing companies, last year made a profit of £131.5 million on sales of £291.3 million.

It has a complicated ownership structure that obscures the directors' interests. John Prideaux, the former head of InterCity and Angel's non-executive chairman, owns the majority of the 5 per cent shared between management and staff. This would give him a £40 million holding, and if the £800 million float goes ahead, a £7 million profit.

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NHS staff backed on pensions mis-selling

By Caroline Merrell
and Anne Ashworth

ALAN MILBURN, the Health Minister, is urging insurance companies involved in the pensions mis-selling scandal to speed up the reinstatement process.

Mr Milburn said that National Health Service workers were the biggest category of employees affected by the scandal, in which life insurance salesmen encouraged thousands of people to give up employers' pension plans in favour of less beneficial personal pensions.

Mr Milburn believes that up to 30,000 NHS staff may be affected, yet only 200 staff have so far been reinstated. He has asked Alec Cowan, the NHS pensions agency chief executive, to take all action possible on behalf of employees. However, Mr Milburn said: "The onus clearly lies with the industry to speed things up."

Earlier this month, Prudential, the UK's biggest insurance company, said that it had doubled its provisions against pensions mis-selling to £450 million. Measures to speed up the review process contributed to the provision increase. The Prudential will be offering 50,000 mis-selling victims a scheme guaranteeing that they will be no worse off in retirement. Many of the Prudential's cases include public-sector workers. Legal & General also offers a similer scheme.

☐ Early retirement and high levels of redundancies among older workers are fuelling the pension crisis, according to an organisation campaigning for the rights of the over-50s.

The Carnegie Third Age Programme has urged the Government to encourage older people to stay in employment and to demonstrate to companies the benefits of a mixed-age workforce. Third Age argues that the exclusion of over-50s from employment is reducing the fund for state pensions and increasing the burden on taxpayers. There are 2.8 million over-50s who are registered unemployed or "economically inactive".

Marlene Dietrich starring in *The Blue Angel*, featured in the Rohauer collection

Buster Keaton playing the starring role in *The General*

Olivier: *Fire over England*

WC Fields in a typical pose

Carlton acquires collection of classic early films

By Eric Reguly

CARLTON Communications has acquired the Rohauer Film Collection, a library of classic movies that was almost bequeathed to two cats in the late 1980s.

The Rohauer collection comprises more than 600 films from cinema's early years, including works by Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd and WC Fields. Keaton's *The General* is considered one of the funniest films ever made. Other titles in the collection include *The Phantom of the Opera* with Lon Chaney, *The Thief of Bagdad* with Douglas Fairbanks and Marlene Dietrich's *The Blue Angel*.

The portfolio also contains many films from the golden age of British cinema — Laurence Olivier's *Fire over England* and *Foxhole in Cairo*, Michael Caine's first film, are among them.

Carlton would not reveal the purchase price, though it is known to be less than £10 million. Many of the films are rarely shown and some are faded and ripped, requiring extensive restoration. The collection will be offered to other broadcasters and will be featured on Carlton Films, the new digital terrestrial TV channel to be launched with Granada next year.

The Rohauer collection was assembled by Raymond Rohauer, the eccentric former film curator of New York's Gallery of Modern Art. He died in 1987 and left much of his wealth to Dusty and Satin, his two cats. The film collection was spared and was put into a foundation that later landed at Douris Corp, an American media company.

CTE, Carlton's programme distribution arm, bought the films' British rights in perpetuity from Douris. It also obtained their worldwide distribution rights, excluding North America, for eight years.

CTE's library now contains 8,000 hours of TV programmes, including more than 1,500 films. Earlier this year Carlton bought Rank's film library. It also owns the Romulus and Korda British film libraries.

BA-American link 'merger from hell'

By Jon Ashworth

THE proposed link-up between British Airways and American Airlines is a "merger from hell" that will lead to higher fares and falling standards, a group of visiting US congressmen heard yesterday.

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, BA's arch-competitor, said that the two airlines were far too big to get together, adding: "Fares will go up and the quality of service will go down . . ."

Bob Ayling, the BA chief executive, said he was "fairly confident" fares would not rise. Mr Ayling said: "Virgin wants to maintain its cosy position at Heathrow with access denied to airlines such as Continental, US Airways, Delta, TWA and Northwest. The entry of these airlines will see an inevitable fall in air fares from Heathrow to the US as competition for business increases, but it appears that Virgin is afraid of increased competition."

Mr Ayling and Mr Branson were appearing before the US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was in the UK on a fact-finding mission. Approval for the alliance is conditional on a new open skies treaty between the UK and America.

Improving car margins help Perry Group

PERRY GROUP, the accident repair and motor retailer, revealed a 19 per cent increase to £4.9 million in interim pretax profits yesterday, on the back of improving margins for new and second-hand cars (Mark Court writes).

Turnover at its Nationwide Crash Repair Centres rose 24 per cent to £26 million.

Richard Allan, the chairman and chief executive, is aiming for an 8 per cent net margin from the crash repair business, which is growing rapidly. "We are going to look at expansion into Europe," he said.

An interim dividend of 3.45p will be paid on 1 December, up 6 per cent from 3.25p.

Customers wasting money in accounts

By Caroline Merrell

BANK and building society customers waste £130 million a year keeping their money in current accounts that do not pay interest, Abbey National has claimed.

Around a quarter of the UK's current account customers, a total of 61 million accounts, hold their cash in non-interest accounts, according to Abbey's annual banking survey.

Even those who do manage to earn interest on their current accounts are dissatisfied with the rates offered — 31 per cent (12.5 million accounts) wanted higher interest.

In general, bank and building society customers were unhappy with the way they are treated — 41 per cent claimed shoddy service, while one in three was unhappy with the charges levied.

In spite of the high levels of dissatisfaction, more than half, 53 per cent, said that they would not move their accounts because they felt that it would be problematic.

However, the survey claims that two million people would seriously consider changing their account. Incentives to switch include free overdrafts, interest loyalty bonuses and ability to use branches other than their own.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Collapse of Hamlet puts 150 jobs at risk

ABOUT 150 jobs were under threat after Hamlet Group, the clothes importer, went into administration with debts of £40 million. Chris Hughes and Chris Barlow, joint administrators, of Coopers & Lybrand, said the company had collapsed because of "management problems" and because it had overstretched itself financially. Dealing in shares in Hamlet Group, based in Whitechapel, East London, were suspended last week at 22½p, valuing the company at £6.7 million.

The administration order covers three companies: Hamlet Group, Hamlet International and Jeffrey Rogers (Imports). Hamlet Group trade names include Nougat, Dare to Bare and Barnaby. "We are actively completing a review of the business which is trading as normal," said Mr Hughes. "We have already had several expressions of interest for various parts of the group, and we will be looking to progress these interests to the best effect for creditors and shareholders."

Kvaerner disappoints

SHARES in Kvaerner, the Anglo-Norwegian engineering and shipping group that took over Trafalgar House last year, fell 25 Norwegian crowns to 433 crowns yesterday after the group reported a rise in first-half operating profits from 520 million crowns to 690 million crowns (£56.1 million). Analysts who had expected 1.2 billion crowns of operating profit said the figures were extremely bad, adding that the pre-tax profit margin was less than 1 per cent. Kvaerner raised the target for disposals from 10 billion to 15 billion crowns. It said that the Cunard cruise line was still suffering losses.

Ben Bailey to expand

BEN BAILEY, the Yorkshire housebuilder, intends to develop and expand its product range to take advantage of improved conditions in the housing market. Yesterday the company reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £462,000 from £116,000 in the six months to June 30. Earnings increased to 3.01p a share from 0.75p and the interim dividend, due on September 26, is doubled to 0.6p a share. The company said it sold 154 homes in the first half, up from 127, at an average price of £870,000, up from £80,000 in the first half of the previous year.

Defence deal for GPT

GPT, the telecommunications group, has won a Ministry of Defence service contract worth more than £100 million, creating up to 100 jobs. The company's Strategic Communications Systems division, based in Coventry, will support part of the MoD's new UK fixed telephone system. It will be responsible for maintaining the RAF's secure integrated communications network known as Uniter. GPT will provide about 200 maintenance and operations staff across the country. The new jobs come after the announcement by GPT of an extra 400 jobs in June in Liverpool, Nottingham, Coventry and Poole.

Ilion sales up by £23m

ILION, the computer distribution group previously known as Persona, raised pre-tax profits from £2.7 million to £4 million in the six months to end June, on sales up from £65 million to £88 million, in spite of the effects of the strong pound on sales and profits. The shares slipped 2½p to 388½p but remain near their all-time high of 407½p. The half-year dividend rises from 1.7p to 2.0p out of earnings up from 9.0p to 11.0p. The group says that it now distributes the world's top five networking products across six European countries.

Bright outlook at Emess

EMESS, the international lighting group, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.8 million from £2.4 million in the six months to June, in spite of being hit by the strength of sterling. Operating profits in consumer lighting jumped 32 per cent, but those in the commercial division fell 11 per cent, as sales slid 4 per cent. Earnings per share rose to 0.8p from a restated 0.7p, but, as with last year, no interim dividend is being paid. The shares rose ½p to 21½p. Emess expcts a gradual recovery in its commercial lighting business.

Brandon Hire slips

BRANDON HIRE, the tool, catering equipment and furniture hire company, reported a modest decline in pre-tax profits to £895,000 (£901,000) in the six months to June 30, in spite of a rise in operating profits to £1.3 million from £1.1 million. Earnings were unchanged at 2.9p a share. The firm expects a substantially stronger second half as its recent sale of access equipment to Kestral Powered Access allows it to focus on the core tool hire business. The interim dividend, to be paid on October 17, has been lifted to 1.1p a share from 0.9p.

Limit's underwriter stake

LIMIT, the largest corporate vehicle investing in the Lloyd's of London insurance market, is taking a stake in the tiny underwriter C I de Rougemount. Alongside Riverside, a private investment group that is buying a 15 per cent stake, Limit is taking 10 per cent. Both have pledged to supply capital to de Rougement's two syndicates, non-marine 732 and marine 112, on a long-term basis. Limit already controls the bigger Janson Green and Bankside underwriting agencies.

Creighton's loses £3.3m

CREIGHTON'S NATURALLY, the troubled manufacturer of toiletries, soaps and fragrances, had a pre-tax loss of £3.3 million for the year to March 31, compared with a £470,000 profit in the previous 12 months. There was an operating loss of just under £3 million and a £389,000 writedown of an investment. Losses of 33.9p a share compared with earnings of 5.3p previously. The company, which paid no interim dividend, is also passing payment of a final dividend. In the previous year there was a total dividend of 3.2p.

US shoe group likely to bid for Sears shops

David Spitz and the Nine West group aim to expand in shoe retailing in the UK

By Sarah Cunningham

NINE WEST, the American shoe group that last week bought 60 department store concessions from Sears's British Shoe Corporation, is likely to emerge as a bidder for part of the high street retailing business that BSC is set to put out to tender.

David Spitz, chairman of Shoe Studio Group, the British arm of Nine West, yesterday said: "We will be very interested in seeing the tender document."

The American group would act alone, rather than with a partner in buying any of BSC, he said. If it were to buy any shops, it would replace them with branches of its Bertie, Nine West, Pied à Terre, Enzo Angiolini or CK chains.

Nine West, which is opening some of its own stores in the UK, has big ambitions to expand in Britain. Its purchase from BSC last week makes it the biggest department store shoe concession operator in Britain, with more than 150 outlets. Its remaining competitors are Carvela-Kurt Geiger and Bally. Mr Spitz said that he was not aware of any other possible acquisitions in the UK beyond BSC.

JP Morgan, the merchant bank, is drawing up a range of tender documents for BSC. They will go out next month to companies that have shown interest in BSC's four chains — Dolcis, Cable & Co, Shoe City and Shoe Express — and its remaining department store concessions.

After seeing the response, David James, the company doctor brought in earlier this year to sort out BSC, is expected to make his recommendations to the Sears board next month or in October.

A number of other shoe companies are known to be interested in acquiring parts of BSC, but analysts believe that they will all be looking to buy at bargain prices.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.10
Austria Sch	21.72	20.06
Belgium Fr	63.91	58.95
Canada $	2.363	2.175
Cyprus Cyp£	0.909	0.838
Denmark Kr	11.80	10.91
Finland Mkk	9.35	8.60
France Fr	10.38	9.60
Germany Dm	3.11	2.87
Greece Dr	488	449
Hong Kong $	13.23	12.03
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.07
Israel Shk	5.99	5.34
Italy Lira	3050	2813
Japan Yen	205.03	187.50
Malta	0.674	0.615
Netherlds Gld	3.503	3.206
New Zealand $	2.66	2.42
Norway Kr	12.87	11.88
Portugal Esc	311.03	289.00
S Africa Rd	8.28	7.30
Spain Pta	260.29	241.30
Sweden Kr	13.73	12.63
Switzerland Fr	2.58	2.38
Turkey Lira	274518	254740
USA $	1.713	1.570

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Repeat pattern at Laura Ashley?

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

Somewhere between the 1996 and 1997 Laura Ashley annual reports, Sir Bernard Ashley dropped his title as honorary life president. Whether this was down to oversight, discretion on his part or wishful thinking on the part of the company's executives, it was not an indication of the irascible Sir Bernard's lessening involvement.

Never mind what interest he may have in preserving the legacy of his late wife's designs, Sir Bernard has around 24 million Laura Ashley shares, and there are another 20 million in family trusts. That holding, totting up to around 35 *per cent*, has ensured that he keeps a close watch on the company, and, particularly, its share price, and not always *from a distance*. When his status as a tax exile allows, Sir Bernard makes his presence felt at Laura Ashley headquarters, as *he* has been doing recently.

So when the board declares its *unanimous* support for the chief executive, as it did yesterday, along with a warning of half-year losses of £4.5 million, Ann Iverson would be well *advised not to take* the sentiment too seriously. Sir Bernard was the decisive influence behind the appointment and then the *departure of her last* two predecessors, one of them another American with an impressive line in marketing jargon that somehow failed to translate to the bottom line.

Why a high-flying Goldman Sachs partner, John Thornton, would bother himself with taking *on the chairmanship* of a company in the LA league would be inexplicable, were it not for the fact that he was a trusted confidant of Sir Bernard.

That relationship must now be feeling the stress, since Sir Bernard's shares are now priced at just 55p. It is worth recalling that they were priced at 135p *when* the company floated in 1985 and Sir Bernard clearly believes that they should be a great deal *higher than that*.

This is the implication of a deal he entered into with a former LA chairman, Hugh Blakeway Webb, *another of his place men* until he fell dramatically from favour. A private deal between Sir Bernard and Mr Blakeway Webb required Sir B *to buy* Mr Blakeway Webb's shares should he leave the company. The price was a *hefty* £2 *apiece*, and *it* is a safe bet that, two years on from having to part with £8 million, Sir Bernard is still smarting.

Those close to him suggest that he would happily bale out of his stake, but not at this level. The fact that he has now countenanced the closure of two factories, a previously unthinkable *move, indicates that he may be* beginning to recognise the scale of the company's problems.

But if John Thornton is a *true friend*, he may have to counsel Sir Bernard to lower his expectations. If Georgette Mosbacher still believes that she can turn Laura Ashley into a truly international brand, then shareholders should encourage her to have a go, and hand over their stock before the price falls further.

A very private entrepreneur

Will Whitehorn, factotum of Richard *Branson's* Virgin empire, has been engaged in one of the more subtle *arts of City spin-doctoring*: floating the idea of a flotation. Virgin Rail, franchisee of North West Main Line and the Midlands *cross-country* network, might raise money for some £800 million of investment in a deal that, *according to unnamed City* experts, might value Virgin Rail at about £250 million. Among many other things, it is not clear whether *this would include* Mr Branson's stake in Eurorail, the property group and would-be cross-Channel railway company.

The boss himself played cautious statesman yesterday, insisting the matter was merely "under discussion". Unless Virgin *is really stuck for finance, it* should go no further than that.

Mr Branson is a brilliant, if erratic, entrepreneur in the old mode. Recognising that, he made one of his best decisions when he realised that floating Virgin *Group had been a mistake and* took it private again in 1988. The City likes winners, but in the long run does not appreciate strong-willed *mavericks*. Still less did Mr Branson care for the City. Some followed suit. Others *of like stamp*, such as Alan Sugar and more recently Anita and Gordon Roddick, have envied his timely move.

Private ownership allows the confident to back their hunches and take risks, so long as they *keep their* creditors on board. You can also change tack, as Mr Branson has frequently done, without being answerable to outside *shareholders who* suddenly find that their investment has changed beyond recognition.

Certainly, Mr Branson's empire *has changed fundamentally* since 1988. It is not just that transport and consumer products have displaced entertainment. The core business of Virgin is now to maintain and promote its own brand name. This is its biggest asset. *It is applied to cola*, pensions and, with less obvious success, to wedding dresses.

These businesses are discrete. *Many rely on individual* partners with the industrial expertise, deeper pockets or preferably both. But *the owner of the name* must remain in control to guard *his valuable franchise*, creating a built-in conflict with potential third-party investors in one bit or another. Only lack of would-be rail partners can *explain* Mr Branson toying with a flotation of this outpost of empire.

If he went ahead, an army of *Branson fans* would doubtless back it. But few would bet against them living to regret it.

Watch where the money goes

Not all investment trusts are *out of favour*, despite the general malaise in the sector. Value and Income Trust remains at a premium to *assets and yesterday it received* a resounding vote of confidence from the City when its £15 *million debenture issue found* plenty of takers at a gross yield of just 7.73 per cent.

This, boasts Matthew Oakeshott, *is the cheapest long-term* money to be raised by an investment trust since Roy Jenkins was Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr Oakeshott recalls that period fondly, having been an adviser to the said Chancellor.

But now he and Angela Lascelles run OLIM, the fund manager behind Value and Income. When the pair moved into VIT 11 years ago, *it had assets of* £7.5 million. After yesterday's issue, that figure has swelled to £100 million. So it may be worth *taking note of* where they intend to put the new money.

Most of it is headed towards the smaller companies which have not been beneficiaries of the *stock market's bull run and* should therefore avoid being the victims of the bears when they take over.

There is a growing enthusiasm for the second liners, both manufacturing and sevice companies. But VIT will also channel some of the *new money into property*, believing that while the institutions drive up the price of prime investments, there are less obviously *attractive buildings which* offer a generous return. The record suggests that OLIM's actions may be worth copying.

Between friends

THOSE sound bureaucrats at *the Paris-based OECD, doubt*less fearing ostracism from the delights of polite official society, argue that it does not matter that Germany will fail the 3 per cent deficit test for joining the euro. Their forecast of 3¼ per cent for *1997 is, they say, "well within the* range of normal statistical revision". Quite so. They omit to note that normal statistical re*vision could just as easily push* the deficit over 3½ per cent.

Reform 'needed to cut German jobless rate'

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

UNEMPLOYMENT will remain at more than four mil*lion in* Germany next year and is unlikely to fall fast unless many more structural reforms are made, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said in its annual report on the country.

The Paris-based economics agency projects that, after rising from 4 million to 4.3 million this year, unemployment will merely edge down to 4.2 million, or 10.9 per cent, in 1998. *Recovery in the economy* has been imbalanced, it says, leading initially to a fall in employment.

Growth is relying too much on exports outside Europe and the recent weakness of the mark. Fiscal measures to meet the Maastricht tests for economic and monetary union by the end of this year have left domestic demand flat.

Germany will still miss two of these targets on OECD projections, even though growth is expected to accelerate to 2¼ *per cent this year and* 2¾ per cent in 1998. But the OECD excuses these failures and argues that starting the euro on time is vital to long-term reform and new jobs.

It says the budget deficit will come down to 3¼ per cent this *year and 2.7 per cent in 1998* before allowing for the net impact of tax cuts. But its economists maintain: "The *difference from 3 per cent is* well within the range of normal statistical revision so at this deficit *level the* criterion could be effectively regarded as being met." Germany will also just break the rule that national debt must not be *more than 60 per cent of* national income, a test likely to be widely flouted by other countries.

The debt ratio is projected to rise again in 1998 to about 62 per cent. But the OECD says that this mainly because of unification.

The report chastises the German Government, and by implication even more the *opposition, for delays in bring*ing forward cuts in taxes, state pensions and industrial subsidies, and in reforming healthcare. *It complains that* Germany's economic debate focuses too much on fairness rather than the need for "a dynamic response to a changing global and European economy" and the "overwhelming requirement" to create jobs.

The economists criticise efforts to protect people from rapid change. The speed and impact of reforms has been "*seriously impaired by gener*ous transition arrangements".

Given sluggish domestic growth, there is no cause to *tighten monetary policy*, OECD economists concluded, commenting on the day the Bundesbank left its repo rates *unchanged, making a full year* at 3 per cent.

Should growth prove too sluggish to cut the budget *deficit, they say it would be* better to accelerate privatisation of state assets than to put on extra excise duties or other ad hoc taxes.

Stoves sales boosted by windfalls

STOVES, Britain's *only* big independent cooker manufacturer, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.2 million, from £4.3 *million, in the year to* May 31, on turnover that rose to £80 million from £63 million (Chris Ayres writes).

The company said that sales were being boosted by building society windfall payouts.

Stoves also yesterday disclosed plans to export to Germany and America. It said that its European investments would be phased according to currency exchange rates, while deliveries to America would start *next month*.

Earnings per share fell slightly, from 14.2p to 13.9p. A final dividend of 3.8p will be *paid on* October 15, taking the total dividend to 5.8p, up 11.5 per cent.

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New chief quits at Watmoughs

By Mark Court

DECLAN MURPHY has resigned as chief executive of Watmoughs, *the printer*, just eight months into the job and four weeks away from the company's interim results.

His *departure comes* after mounting pressure from institutions, alarmed by a succession of profits warnings and a *sharp fall in Watmoughs's* shares since Mr Murphy took the helm.

Patrick Walker, chairman, who *ran* Watmoughs for 30 years, is restored as chief executive.

Mr Murphy, 37, had a *management style that* won him few friends in the City. One broker said: "He was considered to be very arrogant *and people didn't like him*. Anyone taking over from Patrick was going to have a tough time, but he went the wrong way about it. He took the attitude that he didn't need the City and that he could run the business as he saw fit."

Mr Murphy was on a one-year rolling contract and is likely to receive around £180,000 *in compensation*.

Watmoughs's shares rose 4½p to 206p yesterday. They traded at 458p in February.

One analyst commented: "The return of Patrick Walker will add a degree of stability to the business which should allow *the share price* to start recovering. Institutions are pleased to have him back."

The printing sector has suf*fered from overseas competi*tion, high paper prices and low margins. Analysts expect pre-tax figures on September 17 to be as low as £6 *million* compared with £10.8 million last time.

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Buoyant Pifco still on prowl

PIFCO HOLDINGS, the household appliance manufacturer whose takeover talks with *Kenwood*, its larger rival, fell through last month, said yesterday that it was looking for another acquisition (Chris Ayres writes).

The company reported a 23 per cent increase in profits to *£3.8 million*, *from £3.12 million*, for the year to the April 30.

Michael Webber, the chairman, said: "We're looking for acquisitions within the same industry which produce small household appliances. We have £7.5 million *net cash* so we are in a very good position."

Pifco will pay a final *dividend of 3.5p (3.15p) on* October 22, bringing the total dividend to 6p (5.45p).

Millennium effect lifts computer pay at Parity

By Chris Ayres

THE WAGES of computer consultants rose by as much as 20 per cent last year, with *some freelances earning up to* 30 per cent more than they could in a permanent position, according to Parity, a leading IT services provider.

Parity employs more than 3,500 permanent staff and has about 70,000 freelances in *Britain and Europe*. Its share price surged yesterday by 39½p to 531½p.

Parity says the wage rises have *been* caused by the massive volume of work needed to solve the millennium problem, convert computers to recognise the euro currency, and set up complex intranet and Internet systems.

Paul Davies, Parity's chief *executive*, said: "Even if you take away the windfall of the millennium problem and EMU conversion, we *have* still have a lot of business associated with intranet and Internet systems. We have been especially active with consultancy. When people realise the cost of solving the millennium problem, they often decide *to replace the system*. If they're going to spend money, they may as well spend it wisely."

For the six months to June 30, pre-tax *profits* rose 32 per cent, from £4.3 million to £5.7 million, on turnover of £91 million, up 19.7 per cent from £76 million. Earnings per share rose 32 *per cent*, from *6.75p to* 8.9p, and the interim dividend, due Novewmber 12, rose from 1.4p to 1.8p.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Paul Davies, left, with David Firth, finance director

B&J takes over rival cut-price retailer

By Chris Ayres

BROWN & JACKSON, the troubled cut-price retail group that owns Poundstretcher, is acquiring Your More Store, a rival discount chain, for £7.65 million.

Your More Store, with 127 outlets in Scotland and the North of England, is wholly owned by Pepkor, the South African retail group that is *also the principal shareholder* in Brown & Jackson.

Your More Store was founded by Johan Visser, the current *chief executive of Brown &* Jackson, in Scotland six years ago. In the year to June 30 it earned net profits of £757,000 *on turnover of £34.7 million*.

Brown & Jackson also disclosed a reduction in pre-tax losses to £2.7 million from £9 *million in the year to June 30*. Losses fell to 2.1p a share from 21½p. There is again no dividend.

Turnover rose 12 per cent from £167.4 million to £187.4 million, helping the company to report *its first operating* profits for five years of £500,000, compared with a loss of £3.1 million in the same period last year.

Despite the general upturn in consumer spending Brown & Jackson's like-for-like sales grew only 1 per cent.

Mr Visser said: "The current boom is happening above where we operate. The people who are enjoying the boom through windfall payments are *not* in the lower income brackets, which make up most of our customers."

Capital sues over 'conspiracy'

By Dominic Walsh

CAPITAL CORPORATION is suing a former director and two *former* employees for *conspiracy* to injure the group.

The company yesterday issued a writ against Kenneth Thompson, former acting chief executive, Des Pereira, who was company secretary, *and* Guy Hutchinson, former *food* and beverage manager, alleging that they leaked company papers to press to create "a false and misleading impression as to the true value of *its* business and its operating controls". Mr Thompson denied the allegation: "None *of us has released anything* to anyone."

In the past few days, reports have alleged that Capital's directors removed a profits warning from a draft interim results announcement *last September and that* John Dunkley, the gaming director, tried to exercise share options just before the interim results were due.

It was also alleged that Alan Hearn, chief executive, *and Garry* Nesbitt, the *former* chairman, failed to tell the board that they had received an approach from Ogden, the US *gaming* group, offering to take over the running of its two London casinos, Crockfords and the Colony Club.

Although Capital has admitted to lax controls by previous management, *it maintains* the new controls put in place are among the best in the industry.The Gaming Board, the industry regulator, gave the company a clean bill of health after *investigating* those failings, *though* it admitted concern yesterday at the latest allegations.

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STOCK MARKET

CLARE STEWART

Shares near 5,000 again as Dow sets the pace

A US-led rally and receding fears of higher interest rates helped the London stock market to recover further ground after recent uncertainty.

A strong overnight gain on Wall Street fuelled early gains, with US traded stocks making good progress.

The FTSE 100 gained new momentum, following the more confident tone set by the Dow Jones. By the close the index of leading shares had moved back through 4,900 to close up 79.2 at 4,914.2, just off its best of the day.

But volumes remained thin, with around 583 million shares traded, and dealers remain cautious on the strength of the recovery, dependent as it is on Wall Street's lead.

Ahead of retail sales figures due today, groups such as **Kingfisher** were in demand, putting on 17½p to 734½p, while **Next** moved up 29p to 784½p.

MFI rose 4p to 159p, helped by a positive broker recommendation, while **Carpetright** added 16p to 537½p.

Argos rallied 7p to 628½p after interim figures on Monday. Analysts at UBS, the broker, have trimmed full-year forecasts for the catalogue retailer, but remain buyers of the stock.

Supermarkets found selective form, with **Tesco** putting on 12p to 416½p and **Kwik Save** up 10p to 326p. **Safeway** ended 2½p higher at 381½p, on news of new price cuts.

Wm Morrison Supermarket, the Bradford group, was the most heavily traded of second liners, with talk of a chunk of shares being placed. More than 11 million changed hands, with the price edging up ½p to 180p.

News of factory closures left **Laura Ashley**, the struggling fashion group, down a penny at 55½p with more than three million shares traded, while further break-up speculation lifted **WH Smith** 26p higher to 375p. The group won shareholder approval to buy back up to 10 per cent of its share capital at its AGM yesterday.

US traded stocks moved up with Wall Street's strength. **Reed International** rose 15p to 558½p, while drugs groups were also strong. **Zeneca** added 52p to £19.42, while **Glaxo Wellcome** put on 36p to £12.31½.

Wolseley, the building materials group, jumped more than 5 per cent, rising 24p to 469½p, as concerns over a rise in US interest rates appeared to ease. The Midland-based group earns nearly half its profits in the US. Yesterday's move back up made it the top performer among FTSE 100 shares.

Banks were up again, with **HSBC** recovering some ground despite further falls in the Hong Kong market. The share rose 79½p to £21.76½, helped by brokers talking of a £26.00 target price. **Barclays** rose 11p to £13.93½. It continued its share buyback programme, spending £13.8 million on one million shares at £13.86. **Lloyds TSB** put on 29p to 740p, the **Halifax**, which reports interim figures tomorrow, closed 12p higher at 731½p, while the **Woolwich** rose 6½p to 296½p.

Speculation about the future of Hambros, the troubled merchant bank, resurfaced, with the shares ending 10p higher at 227½p. The bank disclosed it had rejected an approach from Fishers International over its stake in Hambros Insurance Services.

The stronger pound trimmed back exporters with **Siebe** off 33½p to £11.25. **GKN** down 26p to £12.37½ and **LucasVarity** 2½p easier at 200p. **Cadbury Schweppes** retreated 4½p to 597½p, after a bearish note from a US bank.

BT was the most heavily traded stock, with more than 19 million shares changing hands, and the shares ended 2p lower at 379½p.

British Steel closed up 2¾p at 177½p while **BTR**, with talk of disposals doing the rounds, again moved up to end 6½p higher at 227½p.

Talk of bid interest from Bass continued to buoy **First Leisure**, which rose 6p to 328½p, while among football stocks **Sunderland** was cheered 7½p higher to 342½p after recent stadium attendance figures. **Boosey & Hawkes**, the focus of takeover talk, raced away to 897½p, a rise of 50p.

Parity, the computer services group put on 41p to 533p after reporting a 32 per cent rise in half-time profits, with HSBC James Capel positive.

Pifco and **Kenwood**, the electrical appliances groups, were once again linked after Pifco lifted year-end profits by 23 per cent and made clear its interest in new acquisitions. Despite the failure of its overtures to Kenwood, expectations that a deal might still be done helped Kenwood to put on 11½p to 115p. Pifco, headed by Michael Webber, chairman, closed at 209p, up 5p.

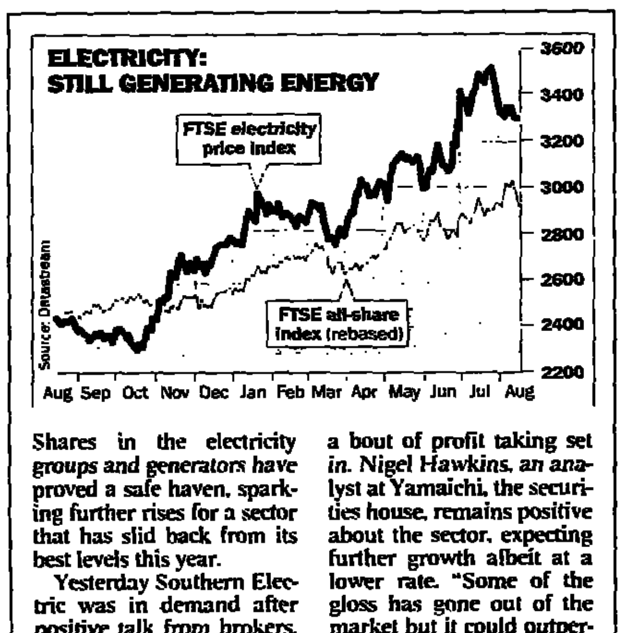
Biotech stocks rose, with **Cortecs** adding 12½p to 229p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** With few economic statistics to chew on, the gilts market was becalmed. More activity is expected today with retail sales figures and money supply figure due to be released. The September series of the long gilt was unchanged at £115²/₃₂ on thin volumes of 47,000 contracts.

Similarly in longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 closed unchanged at £110½ while 8 per cent 2000 stuck at £102²²/₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average gained more than 60 points in late morning trading. By midday the Dow was up 63.18 points at 7,866.54.

Michael Webber, of Pifco, which rose 5p on takeover talk



Shares in the electricity groups and generators have proved a safe haven, sparking further rises for a sector that has slid back from its best levels this year.

Yesterday Southern Electric was in demand after positive talk from brokers, which helped the shares to gain 5p to 454p, while Northern Ireland Electricity moved up 3½p to 435p. PowerGen added 5½p to 726½p while National Grid rose 3½p to 262½p.

The sector has outpeformed the FTSE all share since last November, peaking last month before a bout of profit taking set in. Nigel Hawkins, an analyst at Yamaichi, the securities house, remains positive about the sector, expecting further growth albeit at a lower rate. "Some of the gloss has gone out of the market but it could outperform strongly if the market does fall and investors look for stocks with defensive qualities."

He remains a buyer of Southern Electric and of Northern Ireland Electricity, given its strong balance sheet, while PowerGen is favoured among the generators.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7866.54 (+63.18)
S&P Composite	921.55 (+9.06)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	18961.00 (-80.10)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	15477.26 (+619.62)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	947.45 (+29.97)

Sydney:

AO	2620.9 (+2.4)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4169.62 (+91.02)

Singapore:

Straits	1918.53 (-0.32)

Brussels:

General	13608.65 (+172.12)

Paris:

CAC-40	2936.16 (+66.03)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1197.80 (+24.60)

London:

FT 30	3156.0 (+31.2)
FTSE 100	4914.2 (+79.2)
FTSE 250	4680.8 (+17.2)
FTSE 350	2373.1 (+32.5)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2633.70 (+56.95)
FTSE All-Share	2317.83 (+30.46)
FTSE Non Financials	2321.85 (+24.66)
FTSE Fixed Interest	126.27 (-0.25)
FTSE Govt Secs	96.97 (-0.01)
Bargains	43558
SEAQ Volume	700.0m
US$	1.6058 (-0.0048)
German Mark	2.9487 (+0.0137)
Exchange Index	102.6 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4926
£:SDR	1.1826
RPI	157.5 Jul (3.3%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.4 Jul (3.0%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Antofagsta Uts	404	- 3½
Billiton	242	+ 8
Blakes Clothing	79½	- ½
Bristol & West Prf	109¼	+ ¼
Cammell Laird	136¼	+ ½
EMI B	115	...
Fairfield Ents	117½	...
Fairplace Consulting	3¼	...
GR Holdings	55	...
Galen Holdings	196½	+ 1½
Helicon Pubsig	99	...
Ionica Group	376½	+ 5½
Kingfisher Leisure	175½	...
LEPCO	78½	...
Landround	94½	...
Metroline	205	- 1½
Reabourne Merlin	108¼	+ ¼
SBS Group	109½	...
Severn Trent B	34½	...
Stentor Warrants	53½	+ 3½
Thorn B	20½	...
Viglen Technology	65	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Golden Land n/p (21)	2	- ½
Logica n/p (605)	162½	- 24

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Scotia	315p (+35p)
Kenwood App	115p (+11½p)
Gaskell	305p (+28½p)
Parity	533p (+41p)
DCS Group	257½p (+18p)
Telspec	247½p (+15p)
Boosey Hawkes	897½p (+50p)
Cortecs	229p (+12½p)
Vitec	576p (+21p)
Cairn Energy	523p (+18½p)
Bank Scotland	424½p (+15p)
Wolseley	469½p (+24p)
Next	784½p (+29p)
Elsevier	968p (+35½p)

FALLS:

E Tinsley	108½p (-9p)
Rolle & Nolan	307½p (-20p)
McKechnie	432½p (-14p)
Colt Telecom	371½p (-10p)
Rio Tinto	[illegible] (-14p)

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TEMPUS

Angel's golden wings

ALTHOUGH there seems something divine about an Angel and a Virgin getting together, the practical complications of combining the train-leasing company with the rail operator would spoil the marriage at an early stage.

Angel could be heading for a market valuation of up to £800 million, while Virgin Rail would be lucky to fetch a £280 million price tag. Angel employs 56; Virgin's staff run into the thousands.

It seems more likely that, in six months' time, investors will be holding the prospectus of a stand-alone train-leasing company — and the opportunity to join in the biggest cash wheeze of privatisation. Angel is the most lucrative of the three rail leasing companies, which are distinguished by their ability to make millions of pounds for doing not very much. Its margins of 45 per cent are more handsome than even those of Porterbrook, the leasing company that gives Stagecoach its fancy rating. More attractive still is the length of its contracts. They run for eight or nine years and make margin erosion a distant prospect.

Crucially, this protects against the main concern: a regulatory crackdown. Those 45 per cent margins may be at the expense of the taxpayer and the rail passenger, but, with contracts enshrined in European law, John Prescott can do little about it.

Angel is also in pole position to take advantage of the £2.25 billion London to Manchester and Glasgow refurbishment. It may distress those who consider rail privatisation a robbery, but if Angel were to come to the market valued at anything under 16 times earnings, it would be a definite buy.

Watmoughs

DECLAN SALTER'S departure as chief executive of Watmoughs, the printer, was the culmination of a wave of institutional dissatisfaction at the company's plunging share price.

Salter rubbed the City up the wrong way and he unwisely took the company out of its natural territory into areas such as printing direct mail literature. All the while Watmoughs' work was walking out of the door and that is the rot that Patrick Walker has been brought back to stop.

But the work was walking for a reason. Paper prices are 20 per cent cheaper in Europe, Germany has a huge amount of spare printing capacity and printing rates overseas generally are dropping like a stone.

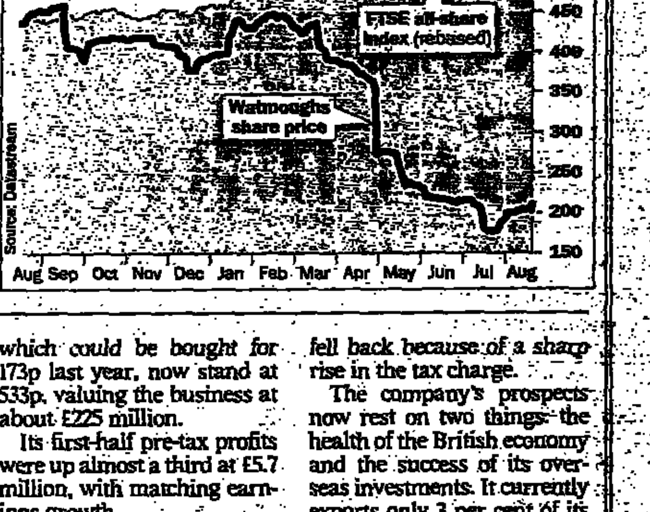
Much of Watmoughs' work is not time sensitive, such as printing mail order catalogues and annual reports, which does not have to be done in the UK.

Against this backdrop Mr Salter faced an almost impossible challenge.

Printers have to invest heavily to be competitive on speed and quality and they need big orders to cover their costs. They can then make profits on short term work but this is the work that is shifting overseas.

Mr Walker's first task will be to hang on to the company's business and his stature in the printing industry means he is probably the only man that can do it.

But the future is almost as dark as printers' ink. Sell.



Parity

ALWAYS quick to judge, the City is unsympathetic towards managements who have disappointed in the past. Some venture capitalists argue this is short-sighted, and that a willingness to take the risks of failure is part of the make-up of the genuine entrepreneur.

Some support for this view can be seen in the career of Parity's Philip Swinstead, who acquired a reputation for over-optimism when he was running SD-Scicon a few years ago. In truth, his shareholders had little to complain about when Electronic Data Systems paid £162 million for the systems house in 1991.

After a period in exile, Mr Swinstead has returned with a vengeance. Parity is riding the boom in IT consultancy and training caused by computers' problems in dealing with the millennium and the preparations for European Monetary Union. Its shares, which could be bought for 173p last year, now stand at 533p, valuing the business at about £225 million.

Its first-half pre-tax profits were up almost a third at £5.7 million, with matching earnings growth.

The shares trade at around 27 times forecasts of this year's earnings of around 19.5p and leave little room for upsets. But many companies have still to grapple with the millenium and EMU issues, and Parity and its thousands of consultants will be one of the main beneficiaries of their need for help. Hang on in there.

Stoves

STOVES has already proved that it understands what British consumers want to buy. It has established a premium brand with an 18 per cent (and growing) share of the British market.

Pre-tax profits rose a further 21 per cent to £5.2 million last year, though earnings fell back because of a sharp rise in the tax charge.

The company's prospects now rest on two things: the health of the British economy and the success of its overseas investments. It currently exports only 3 per cent of its sales, but has ambitions to become a world player.

It has spent 18 months studying German markets, and is planning a major investment programme when the currencies stabilise. It will also start delivering to America next month.

Its success will depend on whether it can understand foreign consumers as well as it can understand British consumers. At home, it can only be helped by the spending of building society windfalls on home improvements.

If Stoves can make evena small dent in the American and German markets while sustaining its growth at home for the next two years, its prospects look good.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1027-1025	Dec	1136-1135
Dec	1056-1055	Mar	1150-1148
Mar	1077-1076	May	1161-1160
May	1094-1092	Jul	1170-1170
Jul	1109-1106		
Sep	1126-1123		Volume: 7067

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	unq	May	1505 SLR
Nov	1529 BID	Jul	1499-1470
Jan	1528 SLR	Sep	unq
Mar	1515 SLR		Volume: 5374

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	325.0-24.5
Spot 342.0		Aug	324.1-22.5
Oct	327.5-27.3	Oct	319.0-18.0
Dec	324.7-24.1	Dec	316.9-17.0
Mar	327.3-27.0		Volume: 1850

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	99.91	109.43	100.51
(+/-)	-4.03	-5.17	-0.09
Eng/Wales:	99.67	109.51	100.29
(+/-)	-4.27	-5.60	-0.18
[illegible]	+7.0	+3.0	+7.0
Scotland:	74.43	109.07	102.33
(+/-)	+0.56	-3.26	+0.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	+4.0	+24.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.90	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.20	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Nov)	19.30	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.90	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	20.55	+0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	224 (+1)	226 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	172 (+3)	173 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (nc)	93 (-1)
Naphtha	192 (-1)	195 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	171.75-72.00	Dec	176.75-77.00
Oct	173.50-73.75	Jan	177.50-77.75
Nov	175.25-75.50		Vol: [illegible]

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	19.23-19.24	Jan	n/a
Nov	19.32-19.31	Feb	n/a
Dec	19.39-19.40		Vol: 19743

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	86.00	Sep	79.25
Nov	89.00	Nov	82.25
Jan	91.00	Jan	84.25
Mar	93.00	Mar	86.25
May	95.00	May	87.75
	Volume: 651		Volume: 37

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	[illegible]
Mar		[illegible]
Apr	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Volume: 54

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Sep [illegible]

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sep 97	1345	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oct 97	1495	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan 98	unq	—	[illegible]

Vol: [illegible] Open interest: [illegible]

Index: [illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lead ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tin ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	460	30	38	45	10	24½	26
(*473)	500	12	19	20	31	40	40
ASDA	140	11	15	19	3	5	6
(*149)	160	2	6	9	14	16	17
Boots	800	37	62	76	26	41	45
(*803)	850	17	39	52	55	67	73
Br Airways	600	44	62	78	14	24	29
(*624)	650	19	38	52	38	47	51
BP	850	44	63	78	22	35	43
(*861)	900	23	39	54	49	63	68
Br Steel	160	20	24	27	2	5	6
(*177)	180	7	12	15	9	13	16
C & W	550	38	57	71	15	25	31
(*566)	600	17	34	46	42	52	57
CU	700	56	67	68	23	42	51
(*729)	750	32	62	72	47	67	75
ICI	1000	56	90	102	31	46	62
(*1014)	1050	34	65	81	56	71	87
Land Sec	900	46	68	86	17	28	31
(*926)	950	21	42	59	39	49	51
M & S	550	56	68	80	6	13	16
(*594)	600	23	36	50	22	30	35
Nat West	750	73	110	121	23	44	59
(*795)	800	45	84	96	45	64	91
Safeway plc	360	21	30	36	5	12	15
(*361)	390	11	22	31	18	25	29
Sainsbury	420	32	42	52	[illegible]	14	19
(*441)	460	12	22	31	27	34	38
Shell	417	27	41	—	12	20	—
(*432)	433	18	32	—	19	27	—
Smkl Bch	1100	61	98	120	43	66	77
(*1105)	1150	39	73	95	71	91	102
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	121	176	219	47	80	100
(*1952)	2000	75	125	165	96	123	147
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	500	34	55	62	21	29	30
(*509)	550	15	33	41	49	57	67
Vodafone	300	25	34	41	6	12	14
(*315)	330	10	19	26	20	27	29
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	550	35	55	72	0	11	20
(*585)	600	1	27	44	15	32	42
Ladbroke	240	12	22	28	0	9	11
(*252)	260	1	12	19	9	19	20
Utd Bisc	200	16	22	26	0	3	5
(*216)	220	1	10	15	4	15	13

August 19, 1997 Tot: 42771 Call: 20301 Put: 22470 FTSE Call: 3945 Put: 6569

*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	550	38	52	62	9	17	19
(*575)	600	12	27	36	37	41	42
Thames W	750	56	76	89	12	22	27
(*792)	800	28	51	61	40	43	49
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	220	5	16	25	1	12	15
(*227)	240	0	9	17	13	22	26
Br Aero	1400	44	95	135	0	30	57
(*1443)	1450	5	70	108	12	61	76
Br Telecm	355	24	43	49	0	13	17
(*379)	385	2	27	34	8	24	30
Cadbury	550	47	60	74	0	9	18
(*597)	600	7	29	45	6	27	34
Guinness	550	27	44	55	0	15	18
(*576)	600	0	14	29	25	40	46
GEC	360	16	31	35	0	10	15
(*375)	390	0	15	24	15	25	29
Hanson	300	2	16	24	2	15	19
(*301)	330	0	5	12	30	36	36
LASMO	260	11	22	29	0	8	11
(*270)	280	0	13	18	10	16	20
LucasVarity	200	1	12	19	1	10	13
(*201)	220	0	6	11	20	23	25
Pilkington	180	8	—	—	0	—	—
(*188)	190	0	—	—	12	—	—
Prudential	600	3	41	56	3	36	41
(*602)	650	0	21	37	47	67	73
Redland	280	15	27	33	0	8	14
(*295)	300	1	15	23	6	17	23
R-Royce	240	2	16	26	1	10	14
(*237)	260	0	10	16	13	21	25
Tesco	390	26	37	48	0	9	14
(*416)	420	1	19	32	5	24	26
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4907)

	4800	4850	4900	4950	5000	5050
Calls						
Sep	215	177	147	112	92	71
Oct	290	226	197	167	139	117
Nov	305	276	248	219	194	168
Dec	350	310	286	256	226	[illegible]
Jun	487	—	425	—	366	—
Puts						
Sep	46	61	101	134	152	183
Oct	94	114	135	158	184	213
Nov	125	149	166	182	210	230
Dec	141	161	181	202	229	250
Jun	215	—	252	—	[illegible]	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Abbey Nat	900	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*917)	950	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1350	102	165	180	47	62	76
(*1395)	1400	76	139	154	70	106	116
Nat Pwr	500	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*516)	550	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo Well	1200	80	115	150	30	51	67
(*1233)	1250	54	90	110	56	72	89
HSBC	2100	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*2160)	2200	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reuter	600	52	77	90	5	22	27
(*642)	650	20	44	57	27	41	50
Royal & Sun	500	44	64	71	10	23	29
(*520)	550	19	36	44	35	46	57
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Blue Circ	420	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*429)	460	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Kingfisher	700	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*734)	750	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Series	Jun			Jun		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Dixons	500	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*520)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
EMI Group	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*554)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tarmac	110	11	13	17	3	5	5
(*119)	120	4	8	12	4	9	9
Hillsdwn	180	8	—	—	2	—	—
(*185)	190	1	—	—	10	—	—
Lonrho	120	7	12	15	2	5	8
(*125)	130	3	7	10	6	10	13
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	300	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*300)	330	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20
Lloyds TSB	700	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*740)	750	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	57	[illegible]
Scot Pwr	420	[illegible]	32	37	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*420)	460	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever	1800	59	121	166	30	77	96
(*1814)	1900	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	129	148

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 97	115-01	115-07	114-27	115-02	47713
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	114-20	114-24	114-20	114-22	2374
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	102.47	102.92	102.40	102.86	163358
Previous open interest: 285490	Dec 97	101.60	102.05	101.60	102.01	3044
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	135.55	136.14	135.35	136.00	52496
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	109.12	[illegible]	107.99	109.15	1061
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	127.14	127.23	127.12	127.15	2456
	Dec 97	126.36	126.41	126.34	126.36	1189
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 97	92.76	92.76	92.74	92.74	9817
	Dec 97	92.63	92.64	92.60	92.61	15594
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Mar 98	92.59	92.60	92.55	92.56	12219
Three Mth Euromark	Oct 97	96.60	96.60	96.60	96.60	100
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	96.49	96.52	96.48	96.50	43464
Three Mth Eurolira	Sep 97	93.22	93.26	93.21	93.25	7465
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	93.53	93.63	93.53	93.62	21328
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97				99.29	0
	Mar 98				99.29	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Sep 97	98.42	98.46	98.42	98.46	[illegible]
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	98.16	98.24	98.15	98.23	9750
Three Mth ECU	Sep 97	95.64	95.66	95.63	95.64	455
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	95.53	95.57	95.53	95.57	394
FTSE 100	Sep 97	4900.0	4955.0	4878.0	4944.0	8020
Previous open interest: [illegible]	Dec 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5010.0	444

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O'night high: 8 Low 7 Week fixed: 7[illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]; Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible] close [illegible]					
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	5.54	n/a	5.60	5.70	5.88
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $321.50-321.80 **Close** $322.60-323.10 **High**: $323.10-323.60 **Low**: $321.00-321.50 **AM**: $322.10 **PM**: $323.45

Krugerrand: $322.25-324.25 (£200.75-202.75)

Platinum: $411.50 (£255.60) **Silver**: $4.54 (£2.825) **Palladium**: $198.00 (£123.0)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3120-3.3251	3.3200-3.3231	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	60.722-61.140	60.891-60.984	22-17pr	58-52pr
Copenhagen	11.201-11.264	11.230-11.239	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0957-1.1060	1.1017-1.1038	12-6pr	31-24pr
Frankfurt	2.9408-2.9595	2.9482-2.9510	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	298.28-300.20	299.16-299.47	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	246.53-249.07	249.12-249.29	40-29pr	118-100pr
Milan	2870.9-2889.2	2877.7-2881.5	1pr-1ds	34-11pr
Montreal	2.2307-2.2380	2.2361-2.2380	0.78-0.72pr	1.41-1.33pr
New York	1.6056-1.6090	1.6058-1.6066	0.255-0.205pr	0.418-0.367pr
Oslo	12.258-12.319	12.278-12.297	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.9100-9.9700	9.9330-9.9396	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.921-13.004	12.945-12.964	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	189.74-190.37	189.74-189.94	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	20.688-20.813	20.743-20.766	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.4257-2.4393	2.4305-2.4334	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium - pr Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3529-1.3539
Austria	12.88-12.89
Belgium (Com)	37.81-37.85
Canada	1.3915-1.3920
Denmark	6.9760-6.9780
France	6.1725-6.1745
Germany	1.8315-1.8325
Hong Kong	7.7380-7.7390
Ireland	1.4556-1.4576
Italy	1787.2-1788.7
Japan	116.10-118.20
Malaysia	2.7775-2.7825
Netherlands	2.0620-2.0625
Norway	7.6306-7.6326
Portugal	185.78-185.83
Singapore	1.5095-1.5105
Spain	154.80-154.90
Sweden	8.0420-8.0498
Switzerland	1.5102-1.5112

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6046-1.6073
Australia dollar	2.1710-2.1738
Bahrain dinar	0.6000-0.6140
Brazil real*	1.7425-1.7469
China yuan	13.199-13.499
Cyprus pound	0.8585-0.8775
Finland markka	8.7700-8.9130
Greece drachma	457.25-467.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.4164-12.4257
India rupee	56.87-58.17
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4855-0.4965
Malaysia ringgit	4.4576-4.4684
New Zealand dollar	2.5013-2.5068
Pakistan rupee	63.70 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7950-5.9300
Singapore dollar	2.4200-2.4232
S Africa rand (com)	7.4830-7.6520
U A E dirham	5.8475-5.9835

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	410	Ladbroke	2,900
ASDA Gp	4,600	Land Secs	1,200
Abbey Ntl	5,100	Legal & Gn	1,400
Allnce & Leic	1,400	Lloyds TSB	7,600
Allied Dom	2,600	LucasVarity	6,000
AB Foods	434	Marks Spr	2,900
BAA	1,000	Mercury Ast	248
BAT Inds	2,500	NatWst Bk	3,000
BG	4,400	Nat Grid	7,400
BOC	605	Nat Power	3,000
BP	5,200	Next	750
BSkyB	658	Orange	305
BTR	21,200	P & O	1,900
BT	19,800	Pearson	499
Bk of Scot	1,900	PowerGen	726
Barclays	4,300	Prudential	1,900
Bass	1,000	RMC	250
Blue Circle	2,100	Railtrack	1,300
Boots	779	Rank Group	1,400
BAe	1,300	Reckitt Col	733
BA	4,000	Reed Intl	4,000
British Land	1,000	Rentokil	7,100
Brit Steel	14,900	Reuters	3,400
Burmah Cstl	527	Rio Tinto	2,000
Cable Wire	3,200	Rolls Royce	2,700
Cadbury	2,700	Royal & Sun	3,400
Carlton Cms	1,600	Royal Bk Scr	4,300
Centrica	5,000	Safeway	2,300
Cm Union	827	Sainsbury	7,300
Dixons	4,900	Schroders	23
EMI	2,000	Scot & New	3,000
Energy Gp	1,300	Scot Power	10,100
Enterpr Oil	948	Svrn Trent	658
GKN	334	Shell Trans	8,200
GRE	1,300	Siebe	748
GUS	2,100	SmKl Bch	5,700
Gen Acc	339	Smiths Inds	1,200
Gen Elec	4,200	Std Chartd	1,900
Glaxo Well	5,000	TI Gp	2,900
Granada	1,100	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Grand Met	3,300	Tesco	3,400
Guinness	1,400	Thames W	426
HSBC	3,400	Tomkins	3,300
Halifax	5,000	Unilever	1,600
Hanson	2,200	Utd Utilities	1,200
Hays	716	Utd News	298
ICI	1,600	Vodafone	4,200
Imp Tob	292	Whitbread	156
Kingfisher	1,200	Wolseley	3,000
LASMO	1,300	Zeneca	2,310

WALL STREET

	Aug 19 midday	Aug 18 close
AMP Inc	49¼	49¼
AMR Corp	104⅝	103⅞
AT & T	40⅞	40¼
Abbott Labs	62⅞	62⅞
Advanced Micro	40⅝	41¼
Aetna Life	95⅝	95⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	50⅝	50¼
Air Prod & Chem	81⅝	81⅞
AirTouch Comm	34¼	34
Albertson's	34⅞	34⅝
Alcan Alumnm	36⅝	36⅞
Allied Signal	85	85
Alum Co of Am	83¼	83⅞
Amerada Hess	57	57
Amer El Power	43¼	43⅞
Amer Express	81	80¼
Amer Genl Corp	50⅞	50⅞
Amer Home Pr	74⅞	74⅞
Amer Intl	96⅞	96¼
Amer Stores	24⅞	24⅝
Amer Standard	49¼	49⅞
Ameritech	66⅛	66⅞
Amgen	50⅞	49⅞
Amoco	93¼	93
Andrew Corp	25¼	25
Anheuser-Busch	41⅞	42⅞
Apple Computer	23⅝	23¼
Archer Daniels	20⅞	20⅞
Armco	5¼	5⅞
Armstrong Wrld	72⅞	73⅞
Asarco	31⅞	31⅞
Atl Richfield	74⅞	74½
Avnet Corp	35	34⅞
Auto Data Pro	45⅞	45⅞
Avery Dennison	42¼	41¼
Avon Products	66⅝	64⅞
Baker Hughes	41¼	40⅞
Baltim Gas & El	26⅞	26⅞
Banc One	53⅞	52¼
BankAmerica	68⅞	68¼
Bank of NY	47⅞	47⅞
Bankers Tr NY	101⅞	100⅞
Barnett Banks	53⅞	53¼
Bausch & Lomb	42⅞	42⅞
Baxter Intl	53¼	52¼
Becton Dickinsn	48¼	48⅞
Bell Atlantic	74⅞	74⅞
BellSouth	45¼	45⅞
Black & Decker	42¼	42⅞
Block (H&R)	38¼	38⅞
Boeing	56⅞	56
Boise Cascade	37¼	37¼
Boston Scien	71¼	71¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	75⅞	74¼
Browning Ferris	34¼	34¼
Brunswick	30⅞	30¼
Burlington Nthn	91⅞	91¼
CMS Energy Corp	35⅞	35⅞
CPC Intl	89⅞	88¼
CSX	57½	57¼
Campbell Soup	48¼	48⅞
Carolina Pwr	34¼	34⅞
Case Corp	67⅞	67¼
Caterpillar	58⅞	58⅞
Central & SW	20¼	20⅞
Champion Intl	59⅞	59¼
Chase Manhat	110⅞	110
Chevron Corp	77⅞	77¼
Chrysler	34½	34⅞
Chubb Corp	65⅞	65⅞
Cigna Corp	182⅞	181⅞
Citicorp	133⅞	133⅞
Clorox	133¼	132⅞
Comcast Corp	54¼	[illegible]
Coca Cola	60¼	60¼
Coca Cola Ent	25¼	25⅞
Colgate-Palm	68⅞	66
Columbia Gas	65⅞	65¼
Columbia/HCA	33¼	33¼
Compaq Comp	59⅞	58⅞
Comp Ass Intl	65½	64¼
Conagra	64⅞	[illegible]
Cons Edison	31⅞	31⅞
Cons Nat Gas	56¼	55¼
Cooper Inds	55⅞	55⅞
Corestates	63⅞	63¼
Corning Inc	61½	61½
Cwide Credit	33¼	33⅞
Crestar Finl	44¼	44⅞
Crown-Cork	51¼	51¼
Dana Corp	45¼	45⅞
Dayton Hudson	60⅞	60⅞
Deere	55⅞	55⅞
Delta Air Lines	86¼	86
Deluxe Corp	33¼	33¼
Digital Equip	40⅞	40⅞
Dillard Dept St	39¼	39⅞
Disney (Walt)	78⅞	78⅞
Dominion Res	36⅞	36⅞
Donnelley (RR)	36⅞	36⅞
Dover Corp	69¼	69⅞
Dow Chemical	90¼	90
Dow Jones	42¼	42
Dresser	38¼	38⅞
Duke Power	49⅞	48⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	29⅞	29⅞
Du Pont	64½	63⅞
Eastman Chem	59	59⅞
Eastman Kodak	63⅞	63¼
Eaton Corp	88⅞	88¼

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Edison Int	25⅞	25¼
Elect Data Sys	37⅞	37¼
Emerson Elec	56⅞	55¼
Engelhard Corp	19¼	19⅞
Enron Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Entergy	25	24⅞
Ethyl Corp	8⅞	9
Exxon	61½	62⅞
FMC Corp	84⅞	84⅞
FPL Group	47⅞	47⅞
Federal Express	66¼	66⅞
Fifth Third Banc	61½	61¼
Fleet Finl Grp	64¼	64¼
Fluor Corp	59⅞	56¼
Ford Motor	40¼	40⅞
Fort James	41½	44¼
Fortune Brands	35⅞	33⅞
Franklin Res	77¼	78⅞
GTE Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Gannett	98¼	97¼
Gap Inc Del	42⅞	42⅞
Gen Dynamics	82¼	81¼
Gen Electric	65⅞	65¼
Gen Mills	66¼	66⅞
Gen Motors	61½	61
Gen Reinsurance	196⅞	196⅞
Gen Signal	45⅞	45¼
Genuine Parts	31¼	31⅞
Georgia Pac	91½	91½
Gillette	85	83
Glaxo Wellc ADR	39¼	39⅞
Goodrich (BF)	44⅞	44½
Goodyear Tire	62⅞	62⅞
Gt Atl Pac Tea	25	24⅞
Great Lakes	46⅞	46⅞
Halliburton	42¼	42
Harcourt General	47¼	47¼
Heinz (HJ)	43½	43⅞
Hercules	51¼	51½
Hershey Foods	54⅞	54¼
Hewlett Packard	63¼	63⅞
Hilton Hotels	30¼	30¼
Home Depot	48¼	48
Homestake Mng	14	13¼
Honeywell	70½	70½
Household Intl	116¼	116¼
Houston Inds	20¼	20⅞
Humana	24¼	23⅞
ITT Corp	63½	62¼
Ikon Office	25½	25¼
Illinois Tool	48⅞	48⅞
Illinova	23⅞	23
INCO	28¼	29
Ingersoll Rand	62¼	62⅞
Inland Steel	21⅞	20¼
Intel Corp	96¼	94⅞
IBM	104⅞	104
Intl Flav & Fr	51⅞	51½
Intl Paper	53⅞	54⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	58⅞	59⅞
Kellogg	93⅞	93⅞
Kerr-McGee	60¼	60½
Kimberly-Clark	50⅞	50⅞
Kmart	13	12⅞
Knight-Ridder	50¼	50¼
Lilly (Eli)	104¼	103½
Limited Inc	22⅞	22¼
Lincoln Nat	68¼	68¼
Litton	47¼	47½
Liz Claiborne	46	45⅞
Lockheed Martin	105⅞	104⅞
Louisiana Pac	22¼	22¼
MCI Comm	34⅞	33¼
Manpower Inc	44⅞	45¼
Marriott Int	65¼	65¼
Marsh & McLnn	72¼	71½
Masco Corp	46	45¼
May Dept St	53⅞	53¼
Maytag Corp	27⅞	27¼
McDonalds	49¼	50⅞
McGraw Hill	63¼	62¼
Mead Corp	69⅞	68⅞
Medtronic	89¼	87¼
Mellon Bk	47¼	47¼
Merck Inc	93¼	93¼
Mercury Fin	2⅞	2
Merrill Lynch	63⅞	63⅞
Microsoft	135¼	133¼
Minnesota Mine	92⅞	91¼
Mirage Resorts	25¼	25⅞
Mobil Corp	73⅞	73⅞
Monsanto	45⅞	45¼
Morgan (JP)	110¼	110⅞
Motorola Inc	79¼	79⅞
Mylan Labs	20¼	19¼
Natl Semi	33⅞	33¼
Natl Service Ind	44¼	44½
Navistar Int	22⅞	22
NY Times A	46¼	46¼
Newmont Mng	42¼	41½
Nike B	56⅞	59¼
NL Industries	12¼	12¼
Nordstrom	60¼	60¼
Norfolk Sthrn	101⅞	102⅞
Nthn States Pwr	49⅞	49⅞
Norwest Corp	56¼	58
Occidental Pet	24¼	24⅞
Ohio Edison	22⅞	22⅞
Oracle	39¼	38½
Oryx Energy Co	25⅞	24¼

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Owens Corning	41	40¼
PPG Industries	63¼	62⅞
PMI Group	57¼	57¼
PNC Bank	42⅞	42⅞
PP&L Res	20¼	20⅞
Paccar Inc	45¼	44¼
PacifiCorp	21⅞	21½
Pac Enterprises	32⅞	32⅞
Pall Corp	24¼	24¼
Parker Hannifin	63⅞	63¼
Peco Energy	22⅞	22¼
Penney (JC)	61	59⅞
Pennzoil	77¼	78¼
Pepsico	35¼	36⅞
Pfizer	53¼	52½
Pharm & Upjhn	36⅞	36⅞
Phelps Dodge	85⅞	85½
Philip Morris	44¼	44⅞
Phillips Pet.	46¼	47½
Pitney Bowes	74¼	74
Polaroid	54½	53¼
Procter & Gmbl	137¼	135
Providian	35⅞	35
Pub Serv E & G	24¼	24¼
Quaker Oats	49⅞	49¼
Ralston Purina	89¼	89¼
Raychem Corp	95¼	94¼
Raytheon	55¼	55¼
Reebok Intl	47⅞	47⅞
Reynolds Metals	74¼	74¼
Rockwell Intl	60⅞	60⅞
Rohm & Haas	97¼	98¼
Royal Dutch	53⅞	52¼
Rubbermaid	25⅞	25⅞
SBC Comms	56¼	56⅞
Safeco Corp	47⅞	45⅞
St Paul's Cos	74⅞	74¼
Sallie Mae	137⅞	137⅞
Salomon Inc	61½	61
Sara Lee Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Schering Plough	49¼	49⅞
Schlumberger	72⅞	71½
Seagram	35¼	35⅞
Sears Roebuck	58¼	58
Shell Trans	41½	40½
Sherwin Wlms	30¼	30⅞
Silicon Graphics	25¼	25½
Snap-On-Tools	40⅞	40⅞
Southern Co	21¼	21¼
Southtrust	44¼	44¼
Sprint Corp	46⅞	46¼
Stanley Works	43¼	43⅞
Sun Company	36¼	36⅞
Sun Microsys	48½	47⅞
Suntrust	62¼	62
Supervalu	40	40¼
Synovus Fin	26¼	25¼
Sysco Corp	35⅞	35⅞
TRW Inc	55⅞	55¼
TJX Hldgs	31½	31¼
Tandem Comp	31	30¼
Tandy Corp	66⅞	66⅞
Temple Inland	66⅞	66¼
Tenet Healthcare	27¼	27¼
Tenneco	44¼	44¼
Texaco	111⅞	111¼
Texas Inst	120¼	119
Texas Utilities	39⅞	39¼
Textron	60⅞	61¼
Thermo Elect	37¼	37½
Time Warner	52¼	52⅞
Times-Mirror A	51¼	51¼
Timken	35¼	35¼
Torchmark	36½	35¼
Toys R Us	32⅞	32⅞
Transamerica	96¼	96¼
Travelers	65⅞	66¼
Tribune	49⅞	49¼
UST Inc	28¼	29¼
US Bancorp	88¼	87¼
UAL	76¼	76⅞
US Inds	36⅞	36
US West Comm	37⅞	37¼
US West Media	20⅞	20⅞
USAirways Group	35⅞	35⅞
USX Marathon	32¼	32¼
Unicom	23⅞	23⅞
Unilever NV	217¼	215¼
Union Camp	59⅞	59¼
Union Carbide	52¼	52⅞
Union Pacific	68⅞	68¼
Unisys Corp	10¼	10⅞
USF&G Corp	23⅞	23¼
United Tech	81⅞	80⅞
Unocal Corp	38⅞	38⅞
VF Corp	89⅞	87¼
Wal-Mart Stores	35¼	35¼
Warner-Lambert	131¼	130⅞
Waste Mngmt	31¼	31¼
Wells Fargo	263⅞	263⅞
Westinghouse El	26	26
Weyerhaeuser	59⅞	59⅞
Whirlpool	56⅞	56½
Whitman	24⅞	24⅞
Winn Dixie	35⅞	35¼
Witco Corp	44⅞	44⅞
Woolworth	23⅞	23¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	73¼	72¼
Xerox	[illegible]	75⅞
Xilinx Inc	50¼	50⅞

Irish eyes on lucrative UK food market

Eileen McCabe on the expansionist aims of the Republic's recently created Avonmore Waterford dairy co-operative

At a recent business conference in Dublin, Pat O'Neill, chief executive of Avonmore Foods, shared the platform with several *high-flyers* from the world of computer technology and a government minister.

After listening to a few self-congratulatory speeches about how the Irish Republic is embracing the world of information technology and benefiting from the *apparent* largesse of the big global players in the industry, Mr O' Neill delivered a few home truths. Big multinationals were all very well, he said, but don't lose *sight of what is happening* in indigenous industries. Look at the strides they have made in finding export markets for their products, the major job expansion and *remember* that, for the most part, these companies *do not* get government assistance. They are Irish-owned and are here to stay.

After 35 years in the Irish food industry, Mr O' Neill knows a thing or two about *staying power* — and most of the audience had to concede that. Just weeks after steering through the biggest corporate merger in the Republic's history, a deal that creates the world's fourth-biggest dairy processing company, they were prepared *to give him the benefit of the* doubt on the issue of Irish companies on the world stage.

Now at the helm of the merged Avonmore Waterford Group (AWG), Mr O'Neill, 59, *has* postponed his retirement until 1999 because of the merger. He said: "I was going to leave at 60, but I have been asked to stay and I want to see this through."

*Mr O'Neill joined the Kilkenny-*based group in 1973, shortly after the region's loose confederation of more than 20 co-operative societies merged to become Avonmore co-*op. After a decade of rapid* growth spurred by the common agricultural policy, the organisation was forced *to make serious cutbacks* when quotas were introduced in 1984. Three years later, the co-op's farmers decided the best way to fund expansion was a stock market *flotation*. A second rights issue in 1991 reduced *the co-op stake in* Avonmore Foods to 63 per cent.

Last month those same farmers and their colleagues from Waterford co-op turned out in their *thousands to vote for the merger of* two of the Republic's leading food companies. The share transfer deal creates a group with annual sales of *Ir£2.5 billion* and operating profits of Ir£100 *million*. AWG *operates* in the Republic, Britain and the US. It has a milk pool of more than one *billion gallons and cheese production* capacity close to 350,000 tonnes. It processes around 1.7 million pigs and almost as many sheep annually. The combined Avonmore and Waterford co-operative now owns a 55 *per cent* stake in the new company.

Mr O'Neill is confident the scale of the combined *operations* will give AWG a leading market position as the consolidation in the food industry gathers pace. He believes the company will benefit from the increasing shift by major retailers to one big producer. "When we go *into any of the major multiples now the AWG* will be seen as a very important part of the British food industry and I believe that will give us a pivotal position there," he said.

The UK, which will account for £1 *billion* of AWG's sales, is also likely to suffer casualties under the current examination of operations, although Mr O'Neill refused to be drawn on the subject. Analysts have *suggested* that *Waterford's* whey plant in Appleby, Cumbria, and Avonmore's cheese plants in Llangefni, north Wales, and Whitchurch, Shropshire, will be candidates for closure. "We have a combined 15 per cent of the UK *liquid milk market and we believe* we need to get up to north of 20 per cent," Mr O'Neill said. "I think you are going to see four of five players who will emerge as the leaders with about 20 per cent each and *we want to be one of them.*"

Although AWG already has a substantial share of the UK's cheese production, largely because of Waterford's recent acquisition of *The Cheese Company, he thinks* there *may* be scope for infills to its range, particularly in continental cheeses. In America there is already speculation that one or two cheese facilities *will be sold or* become *part* of *new* joint-venture arrangements.

In the Republic, savings are likely to be sought in administration and *in such areas as milk* collection and processing. Some analysts have suggested job losses could be as *high* as 600. Analysts anticipate savings of Ir£15 million to Ir£20 million in the first year of combined operations.

Mr O'Neill is convinced changing *patterns of food consumption in* Asia, particularly China, over the next decade will provide most opportunities for expansion by Western companies, including AWG. *However*, he is worried that the *present* EU *quota regime for* many foods is restricting their ability to access those markets.

The solution, he believes, lies in a two-tier quota system. "One quota *to provide a guaranteed price* for a certain quantity of produce and another quota under which people would produce what they wanted to at world market prices", he said. *Mr O'Neill has given warning that* if something is not done quickly, only companies from Australia, New Zealand and Canada will be in a position to tap into these *rapidly expanding markets.*

B&Q hammers in its message while rivals are left trailing

A shake-out in the DIY sector is inevitable, says **Sarah Cunningham**

Fewer B&Q Warehouses were opened last year than originally planned, reputedly an issue between Sir Geoffrey Mulcaby and Jim Hodkinson

If you ever want to annoy *the normally genial* Jim Hodkinson, try suggesting that B&Q, the do-it-yourself (DIY) company he chairs, has been helped to its *market-leading* position by good luck.

"Luck! It's not luck, it's hard work," he exclaims. But while no one disputes that B&Q's *current success* is partly the result of hard work, there is also general agreement that in the past 18 months, it has been very lucky.

"B&Q *is* clearly in pole position and doing far better than anyone else (in DIY)," says John Richards, retail analyst at NatWest Markets, *adding* — in an aside guaranteed to infuriate Mr Hodkinson — "It has had a lot of luck."

B&Q's good fortune is that all the other major *DIY* retailers have been through some sort of turmoil just at the point that their market was beginning to recover along with the surge in house buying. The current year is expected to be the best for the DIY sector since the boom of the Eighties. And while Do It All, Homebase and Wickes have had *nasty* problems to deal with, B&Q has been able to romp off with market share.

The question all the chains are *having to face is how they* will cope when market conditions turn less favourable. Exactly when that will be is anyone's guess, but even the *bullish* Mr Hodkinson thinks *the* DIY *market* will be tougher next year than this year.

B&Q's strategy is quite simple — it wants to build *its* market *share*. In the overall DIY *market*, it now claims nearly 19 per cent, while among the larger chains it reckons to have 43 per cent, up 3.5 per cent on a year ago. Mr Hodkinson would like to see that share grow to 60 per cent.

He thinks that B&Q has only one serious competitor: *Sainsbury's Homebase*. That business's particular problems arise from the 1995 purchase of the Texas chain from Ladbroke for £250 million. The deal catapulted Homebase into *second place* in the DIY market, but it has also cost far more than expected to integrate the two very different chains.

Although the Texas logo *has* now disappeared and all the stores are now known as Homebase, only about 40 out of the nearly 200 former Texas *stores have been fully converted*. Sales in the unconverted stores have dragged down the performance of the whole Homebase business and, *some analysts say, the poor ex-Texas stores may* have damaged the otherwise good image of Homebase.

Wickes's problems are quite *different*. It *has spent the past* year buried in accounting problems after the discovery of a £51 million black hole and is being run by a new set of *managers. Its previous managers* are under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office.

Do It All, now wholly owned *by Boots after buying out* WH *Smith's half share, has been* struggling with a major store closure programme. It is downmarket of Homebase and observers believe that it has been struggling to build a *stronger* brand. Although as part of the highly profitable Boots group, its problems have been obscured, a recent trading statement suggested *that it was* not enjoying the sort of sales growth its competitors have reported.

Fortunes can change very quickly in DIY, however. The *picture at B&Q is very different* from a year and a half ago, before the market had shown any signs of recovery, when it had to report a 33 per cent *slump in annual profits. According* to widespread rumour at the time, Mr Hodkinson, then chief executive, came close to leaving the company *after falling out with Sir* Geoffrey Mulcaby, the chief executive of Kingfisher, its parent.

The reputed row was about *the speed of expansion of the* B&Q Warehouse chain. While Sir Geoffrey wanted to cut spending on it, Mr Hodkinson was apparently pushing to *keep up the pace*.

In the event, Mr Hodkinson stayed, and he now denies that any row took place. What is certain is that the number of Warehouses opened last year was less than originally planned and that Mr Hodkinson was shifted from the chief executive's to the chairman's seat at B&Q. There are now two people — Bill Whiting and Martin Toogood — looking after operations, while Mr Hodkinson is handling strategy, including the *expansion into* Taiwan and beyond.

There is just one B&Q store now open in *Taiwan, with a further* two set to open this year. An agreement has been signed to open a fourth next year and Mr Hodkinson *reckons* there is scope for 25 stores in Taiwan. Mr Hodkinson says other markets are being looked at: "Everyone looks at China, but *it is not easy, not like doing an* opening in the UK. We have nothing planned yet," he says.

Back in the UK, all the DIY retailers were piqued by a *recent National Consumer* Council survey that showed that fewer than seven customers in ten think they are well cared for in their stores. The bitterest complaints were about unhelpful and inexperienced staff, slow *service* and long queues.

Mr Hodkinson says that DIY is a difficult market in which to operate: "If you buy food, you don't ask for *recipes* and if you buy clothes, you don't ask how the trousers are made," he says. The company's *answer has been to employ* more people aged 50 and over, who have years of DIY experience, and more former tradesmen. The problem here, *as a rival DIY retailer points* out, *is that* tradesmen do not necessarily want to act as shop assistants and are not necessarily the best communicators.

Andy Randall, *head of operations* at Do It All, said that customers are always put first while Ross McLaren, managing director of Homebase, said *that the criticism from customers* was "disheartening". But they have all failed to come up with a strong defence of their service levels.

Verdict, the retail consultancy, is as damning as the consumers themselves. It calls it a "do-it-yourself rather than we'll help you" market and says that "Service should be *key in DIY*. There are few *other retailing sectors where a* product is less ready to use and where shopping is a trial rather than a pleasurable experience."

But Mr Richards *points out* that B&Q is unlikely to worry too much about service while its competitors remain in disarray *and while across the* sector as a whole, low *margins* and rising rents mean that no one is going to splash out on boosting checkout staff levels *in the way supermarkets have* done.

Another problem that worries the sector as a whole is that there are simply too many *DIY outlets*. As soon as the *market* begins to fade, there will have to be another round of closures and perhaps even some further consolidations.

All eyes are now on the housing market. B&Q has done more than its rivals to build defences against a downturn, but no amount of luck will *stop it from suffering if*, as in the past, the good times for the DIY sector disappear as quickly as they appeared.

How our mutual friends sustain the buying

Grey Friday: we had that all right. So why no Black Monday? *Market talk has been of* 1987, when after a small rise in interest rates, the Dow fell 30 per cent in a few days. The charts *have* been looking *ominously similar to 1987*: a bull run reaching a speculative climax, equity yields a fraction of real bond yields, and talk of rising rates.

Was this just a muted dress rehearsal, or are we in a different kind of market? In two respects we are. Since *1987 there has been an explosive* growth in mutual funds (unit trusts, in English) for the small private investor in the US — only 2 per cent of *the total market in 1987*, but, according to figures *from* the Bank Credit Analyst, nearly a quarter of total market capitalisation. At the same time *the pension funds* have increasingly *switched* out of direct shareholding into index-matching funds. (The same *trends can be seen* less dramatically in Britain and across the Channel, though hardly *at all in Japan*). These two institutions have one important feature in common: they *tend to go on buying* even when the market looks soft. As long as they go on, they prevent the emergence of the one-way, *sellers-only market that* we call a panic. A correction, then, tends to be orderly, and followed by a bounce. So no crash, now or later? That *depends: first, on what it may* take to panic the funds themselves — and only experience will tell us if and when *that will happen. Or if their nerve* holds, on when the funds become cash distributors rather than cash collectors, so that they are *routinely sellers rather than buyers*. That will happen when enough current savers retire — about a decade from now in the US, and possibly *sooner in some European* markets.

ANTHONY HARRIS

The US mutual fund explosion has been a great breeder of optimism; but it *started as a result of two* apparent disasters. First came the virtual collapse of the savings and loans (for Britain, read *building* societies) *in a poisonous fog of* speculation and worse. That destroyed what had been the favourite home for American private savings. Savers *switched* first into money-*market mutuals: but then* came the 1987 crash, and cuts in interest rates. The money funds could no longer pay enough to satisfy the US *retired: they switched again* into equity funds — cautiously at first, and then, as the profits appeared, in a rush.

The total value of the funds has grown nearly 50-fold in a decade, until they are big enough to stabilise the whole market. Not always: equity *funds can and do go partly* liquid at times. But they are under strong pressure to get fully invested, and pretty quickly. They know that clients will be *understanding* if fund values drop in line with a falling market, but not if they fail to keep up when the market rises. So as long as *funds flow in, they buy, and* after a bull run, inflows can far exceed the rather meagre net savings shown in the US national *income figures*. US investors are at present happy to finance much spending with credit card and mortgage debt, so that they have more to spare for investment.

Studious readers may be reminded of the fatal role of broker loans in the 1929 boom and crash, *and they are right. There are obviously* horrendous risks in a credit-financed bull market: in a real crash, citizens might *be unable* to repay their *credit* card *and mortgage* loans, and so undermine the whole system. So far, though, this only seems to worry a *few occupational pessimists* like Jim Grant of the *Interest Rate Observer*, and no doubt the governors of the Fed, who give warning of "irrational" share prices. So far, though, *they have failed* to check the excitement. They wish they knew the secret.

And what about the professionally *managed* pension funds, *which are meant* to be sophisticated? Most of them have managed so poorly that trustees have demanded a *switch into index-matching* funds, which do just that. Such funds are virtually bound to stay invested. So no selling and no worries? Hardly. A *crash may* be delayed: but the later it comes, the bigger it may be.

What crisis?

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

I SEE Norman *"je ne regrette rien"* Lamont hasn't lost his touch. The man who brought you the ERM crisis now chairs the Indonesia Fund, and his *chairman's statement*, coming at the end of *six months* when the fund underperformed the Jakarta composite index, is about as informative as his alleged off-licence bills.

"Any concerns over comparisons between *Thailand and Indonesia* are *unlikely to be validated*," the former Chancellor tells investors. "Unlike Thailand, the Indonesian economy is currently enjoying one of its best economic cycles … this backdrop *has helped to maintain the stability of the devaluation of the Thai baht.*"

Clearly, Lamont wrote this before the Indonesian rupiah freely floated, suffering a 20 per cent devaluation and causing the market to crash. But he was *never one to let a currency* crisis bother him.

LAURA ASHLEY CLOSE TWO FACTORIES
PUGH
"I'm afraid the pattern emerging is not a very pretty one"

Petty sessions

ANOTHER TRUST chairman with *South-East Asian interests* is Robin *Boyle*, the *former stockbroker* now heading Athelney Trust. Boyle, who was the Boyle in Pember Boyle and Dunbar before "downshifting" to Cornwall, is now running a restaurant and guest house called Memories of Malaya housed in a former 18th-century coaching inn.

But in spite of being just 11 miles from Rock — or "Fulham-by-the-Sea" as it is known — business is slow. "The locals don't care for spicy food," Boyle tells me. However *he is converting* a large upstairs room — which used to be used as a petty sessions court — into a huge suite that he will rent out at "extortionate rates". Looks like the place for Michael Hardern to hatch his Co-op plot.

● *WHAT is Sir Terence Conran up to? First pre-processed chips are discovered being delivered to his swanky Bluebird Café, then one finds an interesting range of products on sale at his intimate Quaglino's restaurant. Alongside the colognes in the gentlemen's rest rooms is a notice saying "emergency supplies are also available". Whatever can this mean?*

Safe bet

MY NEWLY instituted Rod Stewart award for generosity goes to the Bristol & West Building Society. It is planning to renew its sponsorship of Bristol Rugby Club. Under the old deal, the rugby union team was offering a *line out* of incentives including £50,000 for winning the Courage League (as was), £20,000 for victory in the Pilkington Cup or £50,000 if Bristol were the European champions. *In the end Bristol had a less than storming* season and picked up only £20,000 for scoring more than 40 tries. And the building society didn't even shell out for that, as it paid £10,000 for an insurance policy *to cover the payouts. It is currently* talking to Lloyd's of London about a new policy. My man with the oval ball and the oranges at half-time is not betting on a wildly increased premium this year.

● *TOMKINS, I hear, is looking for a new non-executive director. The group has only three and admits that Charles Gates — who joined when Tomkins bought his company last year — is not exactly independent. Another non-exec is Roger Holland, the former chief executive of Cray Electronics, now Anite. In spite of the argy-bargy surrounding Anite, Ian Duncan, the Tomkins finance director, is quick to Holland's defence. "He's a very capable businessman." Tell that to Anite's shareholders.*

Undercover

A SCURRILOUS *suggestion* reaches my ears as to why Scottish Media — the TV group that changed its name when it bought *The Herald* in Glasgow — was willing to pay 205p a share to pick up a 29.9 per cent stake in Ulster TV last week. The story is that Scottish's chief executive Gus Macdonald, using the skill he picked up as *an investigative journalist*, discovered that Lord Hollick's United News & Media was just about to make a bid for Ulster at 205p a share. So to thwart the Labour peer, and curry favour with his *Ulster-born* director, Mirror Group man David Montgomery, Gus slipped in first. Impressive, if true.

JASON NISSÉ

Lord Hollick's bid for a stake in Ulster TV was thwarted

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General Inc	666.90	709.50	+ 5.70	2.27
UK Growth Acc	556.00	591.50	+ 4.80	2.15
UK Growth Inc	355.60	378.30	+ 3.20	2.15
Higher Inc Acc #	981.60	1044.30	+ 2.80	4.53
Higher Inc Inc #	515.00	547.90	+ 2.80	4.53
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	222.40	234.80	- 0.20	5.40
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	94.95	100.20	- 0.10	5.40
Nth America	422.10	449.10	- 2.00	
Europe	437.30	465.30	+ 4.90	
Brit Excell	110.90	118.00	+ 0.80	2.30
Brit Fndmtls Acc	135.20	143.90	+ 0.50	4.26
Brit Fndmtls Inc	88.18	94.69	+ 0.36	4.26
Global Opps	117.40	124.90	+ 0.20	
Balanced Acc	72.42	77.05	- 0.24	2.04
Balanced Inc	66.93	71.21	- 0.22	2.04
Japan Acc	44.02	46.84	- 0.31	
Pac Basin Acc	402.30	428.00	- 7.10	1.06
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Gilts & Fixed Int	136.80	145.20	+ 0.30	6.32
High Inc Equity	211.20	225.90†	+ 2.60	4.29
Worldwide Bond	268.50	284.80†	- 0.20	3.90
American Growth	508.90	543.10	+ 3.30	0.31
Japan Pacific	333.70	363.30	- 1.40	0.39
Assets & Earnings	330.10	353.00	+ 4.80	2.65
Euro Capital Acc	235.10	251.40	+ 5.50	0.79
Extra Inc	43.47	46.24†	+ 0.36	8.50
General	301.30	321.20†	+ 4.20	2.86
Global Opps	83.41	88.73	- 0.57	0.45
Japan	102.00	109.10	- 1.20	
Managed Inc	51.39	54.67†	+ 0.30	4.12
Mastertrust	191.10	205.40	+ 1.00	1.09
US Emerging Cos	209.60	224.20	+ 0.60	
Ethical	86.70	92.23	+ 0.59	1.98
International	155.00	164.90	+ 0.70	0.53
Dividend & Growth	77.94	82.91†	+ 0.93	4.05
Global Gwth 3 Sec	77.66	82.97		2.43
Latin America	98.70	105.00	- 1.10	0.37
Capital Reserve	149.90	150.00		4.66
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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N&P UK Growth	107.60	114.40†	+ 0.90	2.05
Equity Income #	147.90	157.30†	+ 1.30	4.20
Extra Income #	282.20	300.20†	- 1.10	5.86
Smaller Cos	104.80	111.40	+ 0.40	1.73
International	131.70	140.10	- 1.00	1.33
ABERDEEN UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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Emerging Mkts	82.47	85.90†	+ 1.44	0.04
European	171.06	177.87	+ 1.94	
Extra Income #	54.92	57.79	+ 0.35	4.99
Far East Emg Eco	121.19	127.12†	- 1.08	0.48
Fixed Interest #	26.54	27.59†	- 0.10	8.50
Fund Inv Tst #	165.29	173.52†	- 0.25	9.42
Japan	196.36	193.62†	- 2.36	
Latin American	81.43	85.65†	- 0.56	
Pacific	80.41	84.41	- 0.58	0.12
Property	85.17	89.41†	+ 1.77	1.44
UK Emerging Cos	67.77	73.24†	- 0.02	0.98
UK Growth	65.77	68.49	+ 0.61	1.17
New World Port #	91.79	96.60	+ 0.43	2.39
Ethical	83.50	86.93	+ 0.31	1.04
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.74	50.74	+ 0.01	7.00
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Resdl Property #	106.20	112.90		5.03
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
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Amity Income	103.79	110.12	+ 0.69	1.90
Income Builder Inc	91.89	97.75	- 0.47	3.58
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B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
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Contrctd Out Pens	135.30	140.50		
Foundn Persl Pens	80.38	83.51		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	432.30	469.90	- 0.20	
Bond	123.90	130.30†	- 0.20	6.42
Brit Smlr Cos	111.90	118.60	- 0.50	1.89
Conv & Gen #	66.24	70.47†	+ 0.51	5.40
Europe	359.90	382.30	+ 5.80	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	132.10	140.80	+ 0.70	0.31
Income Gwth	393.50	418.60	+ 0.90	4.18
Japan	339.20	359.60	- 5.70	
Latin American	121.50	129.30	- 0.80	0.49
Pacific	123.70	131.60	- 2.70	0.54
UK Smllr Cos	60.74	64.62	- 0.13	1.29
Japan Fd	616.10	634.20	- 8.10	
Mngd Fd	239.00	253.90	+ 1.40	2.43
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Bm & Orseas	451.20	478.30		0.74
Capital Gwth	158.50	167.80		2.49
Wwide Opps	259.60	274.60		0.80
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gem & Inc Inc	504.40	536.60	+ 7.30	1.63
European Bal Inc	97.47	101.10†	+ 0.10	5.78
Europe	99.72	106.10	+ 1.50	2.20
500	499.60	537.30†	+ 1.90	1.97
General	385.40	410.00	- 5.60	1.70
Property	259.90	278.90		5.49
Trustee	271.50	288.80	+ 4.10	1.66
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70		6.27
Distribution #	124.70	125.40	+ 1.10	5.27
Extra Income #	163.20	174.10	+ 2.10	4.30
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.70	62.57†	+ 0.17	7.47
Income #	678.10	721.40†	+ 8.80	4.19
Income Builder #	79.23	84.38	+ 0.77	4.72
Intl Income	83.87	89.22	+ 1.10	1.15
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	170.20	181.10†	+ 2.60	1.53
FTSE 100	125.40	133.10	+ 2.30	1.87
Leisure	182.20	194.40	+ 1.70	1.38
Recovery	594.90	634.60	- 9.20	1.75
Smllr Cos Inc	57.82	61.67†	- 0.08	2.23
Special Sits	493.80	525.30	+ 7.10	1.61
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	225.20	238.70	- 3.00	0.08
F East Gwth Acc	307.80	327.40	- 5.40	0.28
Far East Gwth	182.30	193.90	- 3.20	0.28
Euro Gwth Inc	228.20	241.50†	- 5.00	0.36
-do- Accum	249.60	264.20	+ 5.50	0.36
Japan	127.70	135.20	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	129.20	136.80	- 1.20	
Japan Spec Sits	59.59	63.91	- 0.61	
Worldwide	224.60	238.70†	+ 1.80	0.67
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	173.70	183.40	+ 2.40	
Amer Smllr Cos	169.00	179.40	- 0.50	
Eastern	296.20	316.50	- 6.20	0.30
Equity Income #	115.80	123.50†	+ 0.60	4.00
European Growth	454.90	483.30	+ 4.50	0.80
Europe	434.40	463.90	+ 2.40	0.80
German Growth	111.30	117.70	+ 1.30	0.50
Global Bond	71.89	75.62†	- 0.05	6.20
Global Growth	170.90	181.50	- 0.80	0.40
Japan Growth	171.70	182.10	- 0.30	
Japan Smaller	115.40	122.20	- 0.60	
Korea Trust	53.30	58.47	- 0.53	
Portfolio	168.30	180.00†	+ 0.90	2.00
-do- Accum	328.00	347.50	+ 1.80	2.00
UK Growth	124.90	133.50	- 1.10	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	106.60	115.90	- 0.75	1.30
Select Managers	97.59	104.50	- 0.20	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
UK Gwth Portfolio	108.10	115.10†	- 1.30	
Special Portfolio	72.10	75.99†	- 1.56	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 5020				
[illegible]	[illegible]	234.95	- 5.18	1.08
-do- Accum	201.59	216.34	- 5.06	1.08
Smaller Cos	173.54	190.25	- 0.05	0.31
[illegible] #	64.52	69.40†	+ 1.02	3.76
American Gth Inc	129.58	133.93†	- 0.82	
European Growth	197.66	207.56	- 3.90	
-do- Accum	223.32	211.96	+ 5.00	
Mngd Ptfo Inc	62.28	65.46	+ 0.09	1.24
-do- Accum	65.54	68.27	+ 0.10	1.24
[illegible]	204.71	215.24	- 0.57	
[illegible]	107.29	114.26	- 2.79	
[illegible] #	117.30	122.71	+ 1.70	2.85
-do- Accum #	129.73	132.14	+ 1.87	2.85
Japan	53.79	55.81†	- 1.03	
[illegible] Fixed Int #	103.94	107.61†	- 0.26	7.54
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7215				
[illegible]	65.12	66.03	- 0.02	6.36
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
[illegible]	200.60	212.70	- 2.00	1.62
[illegible]	254.25	257.00†	- 4.41	1.72
[illegible]	173.10	182.40	- 2.20	3.57
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
[illegible]	271.40	287.65†	- 2.10	1.38
[illegible]	187.80	196.60	- 1.10	3.15
-do- Accum	491.80	521.30	- 3.30	3.19
[illegible]	41.59	42.80†	+ 0.03	5.21
[illegible]	309.20	332.10†	- 3.50	1.72
[illegible]	180.00	183.20†	- 0.30	6.50
[illegible]	259.10	275.90	+ 0.20	5.11
[illegible] American	312.00	331.70†	- 2.40	0.09
Far East	278.30	293.80	- 5.70	2.69
[illegible]	249.50	257.20	+ 1.70	
European	112.30	120.10	+ 1.46	0.42
Japanese Growth	41.33	47.83	- 0.52	
[illegible]	261.70	279.30	- 2.10	1.53
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	270.60	286.40	- 1.30	
European Inc	115.80	122.20†	- 1.10	
[illegible]	106.56	112.30	- 0.29	1.94
Growth	644.50	685.70†	- 4.00	1.75
Income & Growth #	536.20	570.50†	- 4.00	4.41
-do- Accum #	337.50	592.10	+ 6.10	4.41
Japan & Gen	54.99	67.41	- 0.75	
[illegible]	1433.00	1493.00†	- 5.00	1.56
-do- Accum	1732.00	1867.00	- 8.00	1.56
[illegible]	148.76	158.20†	- 0.90	1.73
High Yield	1246.90	1307.00	+ 13.00	3.39
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2700				
Cazenove Portfolio	113.29	120.73	+ 0.58	2.33
American Portfolio	156.01	165.45	- 1.56	0.24
European Portfolio	161.56	172.00	+ 1.41	0.41
High Income	53.13	56.53†	- 0.06	5.71
Japanese Portfolio	61.57	66.67†	- 0.72	
Pacific Portfolio	157.63	167.50	- 2.61	0.70
UK Equity	111.80	119.13	+ 0.32	2.83
UK Growth & Inc	64.14	68.01	+ 0.24	5.22
UK Small Cos	52.56	56.01	+ 0.17	1.70
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	819.53	933.78		3.71
Inv Fd Acc	930.19	965.76		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	160.94	161.58		9.35
Fxd Int Sec Acc	164.61	165.27		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	910.96	974.72		3.76
Investment Acc	4303.60	4424.18		
Fixed Int Inc	136.20	170.74		7.87
Fixed Int Acc	253.17	254.13		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5956				
[illegible]	39.95	39.65		5.24
[illegible]	37.93	42.15		
[illegible]	211.65	222.97		0.42
[illegible]	36.11	38.42		1.94
[illegible]	117.46	125.13		0.06
[illegible]	335.37	357.79†		1.68
[illegible]	162.18	171.87		
[illegible]	74.37	75.93	+ 0.14	4.52

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	66.22	70.26	- 1.12	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	96.29	102.44	+ 0.22	
Dragon Growth	71.73	76.71	- 1.72	0.45
Equity High Inc	107.87	114.14	+ 0.83	3.40
-do- Accum	159.79	169.06	+ 1.23	3.40
Extra Income Inc	27.82	29.28	+ 0.06	6.64
Extra Income Acc	31.92	33.59	+ 0.07	6.64
European Gwth	80.33	85.01	+ 0.96	0.10
Evergreen	34.79	37.20	- 0.15	
General Equity	125.15	132.08	+ 1.11	2.46
Japan Growth	44.10	46.92	- 0.59	
Pedigree Gwth	74.35	78.67	+ 0.73	1.93
Ped Sm Cos Inc	39.88	42.20	+ 0.07	1.37
-do- Accum	42.71	45.20	+ 0.08	1.37
Retirement Inc #	31.99	34.03	+ 0.24	5.44
Special Sits	52.71	56.88	+ 0.61	2.83
UK & Overseas	70.47	74.99	+ 0.33	0.47
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	78.68	81.95†	+ 0.43	3.77
Capital	96.74	100.77†	+ 0.88	2.18
High Income	54.28	56.54†	+ 0.10	6.54
Top 50	68.50	71.35†	+ 0.55	2.26
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	213.64	222.57	+ 1.04	4.33
Long Gilt	47.35	49.30†	+ 0.02	5.88
Monthly Inc Plus	54.43	56.70	+ 0.13	7.90
Preference Share	53.32	55.55†	+ 0.04	7.02
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	157.81	164.40†	+ 0.70	5.45
Managed Fund	86.19	89.78	+ 0.30	2.52
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.40	53.55	+ 0.18	1.59
-do- Accum	61.46	64.03	+ 0.30	1.59
UK & General	116.89	121.77	+ 0.89	2.31
-do- Accum	154.96	161.43	+ 1.18	2.31
UK Growth	231.26	240.92	+ 1.29	1.63
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	259.00	269.82	+ 4.98	0.50
Far Eastern Gth	136.68	142.39	- 2.26	0.20
Global Bond	74.21	77.31	- 0.19	6.85
Japan Growth	110.46	115.07	- 1.21	
North Amer Gth	295.44	307.78	- 0.91	
Oriental Growth	86.55	90.17	- 1.88	0.54
Worldwide Growth	83.38	86.86	+ 0.32	0.30
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.09	93.09	+ 0.01	6.82
Homemaker Fund	102.65	109.21	+ 0.50	1.98
Quilter Fund	175.41	186.61†	- 1.60	1.69
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	39.44	42.17†		2.99
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	195.90	208.40	+ 1.30	1.85
Income	81.40	86.68†	+ 0.55	4.34
European	91.54	97.38	+ 1.22	0.10
Recovery	183.00	194.70	- 0.10	2.21
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1183.80	1203.40		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	84.36	89.50†	+ 1.19	0.35
Fellowship Tst	114.80	122.10	+ 0.70	1.11
Income #	321.30	341.80	+ 2.50	4.02
-do- Accum #	873.90	929.60	+ 6.70	4.02
Smaller Cos	226.30	240.70	+ 0.80	0.76
-do- Accum	282.80	300.80	+ 1.00	0.76
Gth Portfolio	111.80	118.90†	+ 1.20	1.33
High Inc Port #	94.29	100.30	- 0.67	4.16
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1975.50	1938.00		0.53
UK Small Cos	2209.30	2296.50		2.99
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	238.80	246.10		
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	204.60	217.60	+ 3.20	1.48
UK High Inc Inc	215.40	229.10	+ 3.10	3.11
-do- Accum	300.30	319.40	+ 4.30	3.11
UK Pref & F I Inc	62.33	66.19	- 0.14	5.59
Environmt Opps	120.90	128.60	+ 1.60	0.78
UK Smlr Cos	71.56	76.12†	- 0.17	0.89
Extra Income Inc	52.24	55.57†	+ 0.21	8.06
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	24.22	25.73	+ 0.03	5.44
Enterprise	119.60	126.80	+ 0.33	1.97
Equity Income #	163.79	173.90	+ 1.20	3.68
European	74.51	78.79†	+ 0.91	
Financial	69.95	74.32	- 0.42	1.35
Growth & Inc #	332.20	353.00†	+ 2.90	2.48
High Dist #	207.70	220.70	+ 1.70	3.85
International	462.50	491.40†	+ 2.00	0.20
Int Cap Inc	124.80	133.20†	+ 0.60	2.03
Latin American	42.02	44.65†	- 0.57	
Mgd Gwth Port	98.28	102.70		4.87
Pacific	87.67	93.15	- 0.35	
Pref High Inc	24.09	25.60†	+ 0.05	7.03
Tokyo	200.50	212.00	- 2.40	
UK Smaller Cos	240.30	255.30	+ 1.70	1.18
Japan Sm Cos	329.70	349.00	- 1.80	
Nth Amer	532.40	563.00†	+ 10.00	0.52
UK Inc & Gwth	300.00	319.80	+ 2.30	2.32
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Dlgs	124.18	132.25	- 1.19	0.97
Growth Acc	331.50	353.16	+ 14.35	0.18
Income	606.02	645.63†	- 3.70	6.03
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	264.00	280.90		0.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	111.45	117.32	+ 1.97	1.30
Ethical Tst	54.24	57.09	+ 0.37	0.70
Far Eastern	310.24	326.57†	- 2.91	1.61
High Income	162.84	171.41	+ 1.17	4.33
UK Index Trcking	63.35	66.69†	+ 0.82	2.62
Intl Growth	158.59	166.94	+ 0.39	1.11
North American	187.07	196.92	+ 2.01	1.44
Pelican	173.16	182.27	+ 2.03	2.63
Smaller Cos	71.04	74.78	- 0.05	2.45
Special Sits	93.38	98.29	+ 0.62	3.31
Tst of Inv Tsts	240.51	253.17†	- 0.17	1.45
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	121.29	128.69	- 0.65	
Fd of Inv Tsts	58.85	62.44†	- 0.18	0.45
High Income #	40.30	42.73†	+ 0.08	11.70
Wain & CI Opps	52.38	56.32	+ 0.09	
Zero Preference	47.67	50.58	- 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	112.00	119.10†	+ 1.50	2.15
United Charities	332.10	353.20	+ 2.20	1.82
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.40
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	25.58	27.66†	- 0.05	5.28
Strategic Inc	28.97	30.29†	- 0.10	5.61
Income Funds				
High Income	30.0[illegible]	31.[illegible]	- 0.[illegible]	4.97
Income Plus	161.00	171.25	+ 0.70	3.50
European Income	59.[illegible]	62.87†	- 0.29	2.16
Moneybuilder Gwth	27.77	32.04	- 0.22	7.20
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	45.24	48.25	- 0.22	
American	405.60	429.70	+ 2.30	
Amer Spec Sits	242.70	258.30	- 0.40	
Japan Smaller Cos	25.89	27.63	- 0.14	
European	237.70	239.70	- 2.90	0.45
European Opps	103.20	109.90	+ 1.15	0.52
Global Pfo	32.75	41.21	+ 0.15	0.40
UK Growth	145.70	155.00†	- 1.10	1.26
Growth & Inc	212.70	226.20	+ 1.30	2.11
Intl PEP	59.82	62.55	- 0.29	1.10
Japan Spec Sits	31.79	95.00	- 1.93	
Japan	128.00	135.32†	- 2.50	
Managed Intl	440.50	467.20	- 1.90	0.58
Moneybuilder Plus	76.78	77.21†	- 6.12	0.34
Recovery	67.40	72.75	+ 0.37	1.90
South E Asia	209.30	222.80	- 5.90	0.36
Special Sits	824.30	876.50	+ 1.50	0.50
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	120.58	120.59	- 0.01	6.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	179.50	181.70		1.52
Fledtur, Prf Inc #	102.50	102.29†	+ 0.60	6.40
Cap Ptfolio	192.96	194.95	- 0.30	0.09
General Cos	162.90	165.10		2.02
Growth Inc	44.45	44.94	- 0.41	1.64
Private Portfolio	578.40	586.50		1.06
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	170.90	181.20		
High Income	22.46	24.93†	- 0.03	4.03
Japan Smll Cos	15.61	16.7[illegible]	- 0.07	
UK Smaller Cos	499.50	531.20	- 2.30	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	96.45	102.50	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	96.48	102.30	+ 0.53	
Amer Smllr Cos	190.73	200.50†	- 3.30	
-do- Accum	786.70	817.90†	- 3.40	
Capital Tst	400.00	425.50	+ 1.50	1.26
-do- Accum	590.80	625.50	- 2.30	1.26
Contl Smllr Cos	66.13	70.66	- 0.58	1.03
-do- Accum	70.96	75.92	- 0.63	1.03
Convertible	143.90	153.10	- 1.50	5.18
-do- Accum	326.00	346.90	- 4.10	5.18
Emerging Markets	81.09	86.53	- 0.32	0.54
-do- Accum	81.73	87.32	- 0.82	0.54
European	184.60	195.50	+ 2.60	0.40
-do- Accum	196.60	208.30	+ 2.90	0.40
Extra Income	451.40	480.20†	- 2.60	4.02
-do- Accum	742.70	790.70†	- 4.50	4.02
Financial	224.20	238.50	- 1.10	0.94
-do- Accum	240.10	255.40	- 1.10	0.94
Gilt Trust	60.80	63.67		7.04
-do- Accum	102.40	105.50		7.04
Health Fund Inc	277.10	296.00	+ 1.00	
-do- Accum	277.10	296.00	+ 1.00	
Income & Growth	264.70	281.60	+ 1.90	3.54
-do- Accum	433.70	452.90	+ 3.20	3.54
Intl Growth	482.40	515.10	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	535.90	572.00	- 1.00	
Japan & Gen	163.60	173.66	- 2.00	
-do- Accum	165.30	175.36	- 2.00	
Monthly Inc #	230.30	244.70†	+ 1.12	4.26
-do- Accum #	237.10	252.20†	+ 1.40	4.25
Managed Port Inc	135.70	143.80	+ 0.56	1.25
-do- Accum	157.20	157.30	+ 0.50	1.25
Quarterly Income #	61.81	66.21†	+ 0.52	5.07
-do- Accum #	74.21	79.55†	+ 0.52	5.07
Recovery	252.30	275.10†	- 1.30	
-do- Accum	415.90	444.80†	- 1.50	
UK Growth	75.66	80.43	- 0.42	1.13
-do- Accum	83.60	88.94	- 0.47	1.13
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	76.84	81.68	+ 1.0[illegible]	
FP Am Smllr Cos	222.50	237.30	- 0.20	
FP Asian Growth	289.40	308.60	- 5.70	
FP Acumen	456.00	478.30†	- 2.50	
FP Equity Dist	525.30	557.60	+ 3.70	2.08
-do- Accum	1203.00	1289.00	+ 9.90	2.08
FP Euro Gth	356.30	380.70	- 9.70	
-do- Accum	401.40	429.10	- 10.70	
FP Intl Bond	56.69	60.19†	- 0.02	3.82
FP Intl Gth Dist	44.[illegible]	47.12	- 0.42	
-do- Accum	64.30	69.02	- 0.62	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP Pac Basin Acc	231.20	246.60	- 3.80	
FP Income #	66.43	70.65	+ 1.09	4.49
-do- Accum #	241.00	257.00	+ 3.90	4.49
FP Jap Smllr Cos	231.70	247.10	- 1.90	...
FP Monthly Dist #	82.47	87.96†	+ 0.82	4.81
FP Stlg Deposit	100.60	100.60†		5.28
FP Tokyo	79.38	84.67	- 1.22	
FP UK Focus	50.32	53.67	+ 0.86	1.48
FP UK Growth	235.70	251.40†	+ 4.00	1.68
-do- Accum	485.20	517.50	+ 8.20	1.68
Stewardship Dist	462.00	492.70	+ 1.60	1.49
-do- Accum	587.70	626.80	+ 2.10	1.49
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	76.99	82.12†	- 0.19	5.22
-do- Accum #	109.70	117.00	- 0.30	5.22
N Am Stshp Dist	160.20	170.70	+ 1.00	
-do- Accum	172.40	183.70	+ 1.00	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	118.30	118.70	+ 0.90	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	119.40	120.00	+ 0.90	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	144.50	153.70	- 4.30	0.50
Open Cap Gth Acc	149.10	158.60	- 2.90	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	128.80	132.00†	- 2.70	2.55
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	139.50	148.49	- 3.00	2.55
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	134.30	142.80†	- 1.90	3.61
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	147.50	156.90	- 2.00	3.61
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 681 106/7				
GANDA	352.20	373.70	+ 4.40	1.54
Cash	49.35	50.09†	+ 0.01	4.55
Growth Portfolio	105.10	111.80	+ 0.30	
Income Portfolio	84.11	89.24†	+ 1.32	2.77
For GEM Dolphin see Prescot PR				
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	245.20	262.20	- 0.40	0.13
European Gth	855.90	909.30	+ 16.80	0.52
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	59.68	63.16	+ 0.96	3.78
-do- Accum	68.53	72.52	+ 1.09	3.78
High Yield #	52.03	54.97†	- 0.17	7.35
-do- Accum #	61.06	64.51	+ 0.20	7.35
Income Inc	227.90	237.40	+ 1.70	3.64
-do- Accum	257.80	275.80	- 2.10	3.64
Intl Growth	425.70	451.70	+ 1.70	0.27
Intl Income	110.50	117.00	+ 1.90	2.02
Japan Growth	449.00	476.60	- 3.80	
Orient Acc	222.50	238.00	- 7.50	0.13
UK General Inc	217.90	232.90†	+ 3.80	1.69
UK General Acc	395.20	422.40	+ 6.90	1.69
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	63.33	67.74	+ 0.19	1.72
UK Spec Sits	116.70	124.90	+ 0.90	1.31
US Growth	233.70	247.20	+ 2.80	
Wwide Spec Sits	185.50	196.30†	- 0.40	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	68.42	73.11†	+ 0.34	1.98
Practical Inv Inc #	139.02	148.68	+ 0.24	3.24
-do- Accum #	337.88	361.37	+ 0.61	3.24
UK Index	216.20	217.29	+ 1.66	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	224.68	240.28	+ 0.79	0.45
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.63	26.56†	+ 0.05	6.93
High Income	39.43	42.07†	+ 0.25	3.87
UK Growth & Inc	183.18	195.69†	+ 0.98	2.36
Global Bond	28.01	29.03	- 0.05	4.72
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	53.71	57.44	- 0.98	
Global Managed	165.27	175.47	+ 0.38	1.05
Gold & Intl Res	103.62	110.22†	+ 0.29	
Global Utilities	170.57	181.94†	- 0.13	0.83
Overseas Funds				
America	244.47	259.57	+ 2.47	0.02
European	164.89	175.25	+ 3.19	0.48
Euro Sel Opps	256.46	272.73†	+ 4.61	
Amer Emerging	196.96	209.43	- 0.30	
Hong Kong	240.22	257.29	- 9.42	0.73
Japan	212.22	225.12†	- 1.16	
Pacific Growth	228.58	245.54	- 4.78	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	294.80	294.80†	+ 1.27	1.60
Long Term Bal	313.70	313.70†	+ 1.27	2.63
Med Term Bal	251.38	251.38†	- 1.26	2.78
UK Equity	358.64	358.64	+ 3.26	2.17
UK Emerging Cos	183.29	183.29	+ 5.91	2.19
American	414.89	414.89	- 6.39	0.32
Japan	123.82	123.82	+ 0.25	.
European	429.96	429.96	+ 11.85	0.63
Index Linked Gilt	196.98	196.98	+ 0.07	2.62
Fixed Interest	193.64	193.64†	+ 0.29	6.86
Amer Emergng	430.14	430.14	- 0.74	
Pacific	215.00	215.00	- 9.11	0.84
Emerging Mkts	152.58	152.58†	- 1.96	0.65
Index Strat Japan	129.18	129.18†	- 1.02	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	202.86	202.86†	- 3.81	1.11
-do- Cont Europe	233.10	233.10†	+ 7.89	1.14
Index Strat USA	248.95	248.95†	+ 2.98	1.62
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	139.35	148.24	+ 2.87	
Med Term Bal	121.53	129.28	+ 0.51	
Cash Trust	151.98	151.98†	+ 0.03	6.48
Long Term Bal	141.74	150.79	+ 0.61	
UK Equity	167.20	177.86	+ 4.14	.
UK Emerging Cos	83.97	89.33	+ 0.26	..
American	192.71	205.01	+ 3.16	
Japan	59.25	63.03	+ 0.12	
European	179.02	190.44	+ 5.25	
Fixed Interest	100.29	106.68	+ 0.07	.
Index Linked Gilt	87.85	93.45	+ 0.03	
Deposit	91.84	97.69	+ 0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	172.10	181.16	- 2.17	0.47
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	766.59	815.52	+ 12.33	0.27
-do- Accum	870.16	925.70	+ 14.00	0.27
European Inc	207.92	220.90	+ 2.08	0.63
Amalgam Inc	188.48	198.38	- 5.96	.
N America Inc	484.49	515.41	- 2.48	..
Far East Inc	375.86	399.85	- 6.10	0.33
-do- Accum	390.11	415.00	- 6.34	0.33
UK Dwld Inc	235.86	250.91	+ 0.31	0.74
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	135.57	144.46	+ 0.62	.
Do NAV to Jan 20	129.82	129.82		
UK Equity Safeguard	106.43	113.81	+ 0.80	2.47
Do NAV to Sep 19	101.73	101.73		
Cash	952.61	957.37†		5.75
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	346.50	368.60†	+ 5.80	1.78
British Growth	81.10	86.72	+ 0.70	1.43
UK Small Cos	73.80	78.92		0.49
FTSE 250 Index	96.22	102.90	+ 0.60	2.11
Geared UK Index	2175.52	2296.85†	+ 59.00	5.25
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	109.49	117.09	+ 1.40	4.24
Corp Bd	77.84	80.41	+ 0.04	
Monthly Inc	41.94	44.73†	+ 0.30	8.56
International Funds				
American Gen	297.30	314.60	+ 5.00	
American Strat	255.02	272.74	+ 1.00	
JG US Index	2285.86	2387.46†	+ 43.00	4.00
European Gen	334.80	354.30	+ 12.80	0.66
European Strat	142.05	151.92	+ 2.30	
Japan Gen	143.90	152.30	- 2.20	
Japan Strat	48.39	51.64	- 0.40	
Asia Pacific	98.40	105.23	- 1.13	
Pacific Strat	168.50	180.21	- 1.90	.
Greater China	328.38	351.21	- .73	
Latin America	129.52	138.44	- 1.60	
Intl Growth	181.64	194.26	+ 0.20	
Balanced Exempt	158.30	163.80	.	2.29
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9868				
European	701.90	749.80	+ 16.90	
Gilt & Fixed	138.20	145.50	- 0.10	5.18
Growth Equity	506.10	540.60	+ 7.40	0.95
Income Trust	175.90	187.90	+ 2.20	3.64
International	234.80	250.90	- 1.80	
Japan Trust	170.70	178.90†	- 3.00	
Nth American	439.60	469.60	- 3.10	
Pacific	557.50	595.60	- 11.90	0.02
Guardbur	719.30	767.40†	+ 10.40	0.67
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	96.49	100.14	- 0.85	5.14
Global High Inc	94.98	98.56	- 0.39	5.22
Corporate Bond	109.77	113.93	- 0.13	6.62
Eqty & Bond Inc	126.24	134.22†	- 0.66	4.35
European Growth	155.94	165.32	+ 2.47	
Intl PEP Trust	84.34	89.69	- 0.76	0.70
Equity Inc	164.44	174.85†	- 1.07	3.25
-do- Accum	249.07	264.83	- 1.60	3.25
Recovery	472.90	502.80	+ 3.10	2.94
-do- Accum	569.36	605.10	+ 3.70	2.94
Gl Mnc High Inc	136.37	138.41†	- 0.69	7.05
UK Emerg Cos	287.60	305.70	- 0.29	2.47
UK Smlr Cos	391.60	398.70†	- 2.70	3.17
Gwth Fnt Tst	151.59	161.19	- 0.73	2.62
-do- Accum	157.61	167.58	- 0.74	2.62
Inc Share Tst	97.96	104.15	- 0.26	8.22
Small Cos	95.86	101.97†	- 0.75	1.56
HK & China Tst	116.46	123.93	- 5.66	
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	62.05	65.92†	+ 0.42	2.36
Balanced Acc	57.62	71.77	+ 0.46	2.36
Growth	38.75	41.00†	+ 0.31	1.73
Growth Acc	40.76	43.22	+ 0.33	1.73
Income	36.48	38.68	+ 0.29	3.52
Income Acc	40.07	42.49	+ 0.31	3.52
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	32.31	35.01	- 0.28	1.62
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provident	102.40	105.80†	+ 0.26	6.47
Model Ptolio	232.90	247.40	+ 3.90	1.64
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Pers Acc	50.22	53.29	- 0.24	2.93
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0845 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	389.75	415.49	+ 2.99	0.51
Best of British	65.17	70.13	+ 0.74	1.79
UK Smaller Cos	155.72	167.46†	+ 1.31	1.02
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	361.43	384.92	+ 2.85	3.23
-do- Accum #	1050.64	1118.99	+ 8.31	3.23
High Income	377.96	401.13†	+ 2.26	4.02
Extra Income #	331.51	352.[illegible]	+ 1.77	5.77
Pref & Bond	51.85	53.58†	+ 0.13	8.00
International				
Ethical	132.14	141.32†	- 0.61	1.45
International	374.36	397.52	- 2.05	
Global Bond	54.09	56.95	- 0.02	5.55
Intl Port Tst	111.04	118.15	- 1.63	
Global Tech	252.87	292.70	- 0.10	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	199.26	212.39	- 4.98	0.28
European	770.81	825.72	+ 10.02	0.77
European Income #	107.22	115.16†	+ 1.17	3.14
Euro Smlr Cos	227.17	237.41	+ 0.56	2.34
European Value	111.95	119.70	+ 0.62	
-do- Accum	115.78	123.27	+ 0.68	.
Japan Trust	165.63	177.54†	- 2.05	
Japan Smllr Cos	163.87	174.85	- 0.52	
Pacific Smlr Cos	231.36	246.48	- 3.14	
North American	433.85	477.25†	- 4.49	
American Smaller	271.06	274.34	+ 0.26	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	175.70	195.00†		4.9[illegible]
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	148.53	156.52	+ 1.77	1.46
Capital	233.77	244.35†	+ 2.64	1.07
Dollar	617.22	646.30	+ 7.74	
Enterprise Gth	479.92	502.25	+ 3.89	0.57
European	337.98	353.36†	+ 3.05	
Far East	298.51	312.58	- 8.01	0.37
Financial	1357.40	1421.38	+ 12.27	1.22
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.56	28.66†	- 0.07	5.94
High Yield #	130.31	136.45	+ 1.21	4.32
Income & Growth #	196.66	205.93	+ 2.21	3.22
International	334.83	350.61†	+ 1.55	0.31
Japanese General	165.97	173.54	- 2.27	
Japan Tech	89.75	93.95	+ 1.27	
Nat Resources	75.98	79.57	- 0.02	2.44
Portfolio	97.92	98.30	+ 1.70	1.74
Special Sits	231.91	241.89	+ 2.06	2.29
UK Emerging Cos	129.16	135.24	+ 3.11	1.27
US Smaller Cos	123.47	129.12	- 0.42	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	757.60	808.70†	+ 9.10	4.71
UK Growth	830.00	885.90	+ 8.90	1.63
High Income #	134.20	143.20†	+ 0.70	5.71
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	783.60	827.60	+ 11.30	
European Gwth	190.10	202.00	+ 2.60	.
Japan Gwth	271.50	288.50	- 1.50	..
Japan Smllr Cos	26.70	28.50	- 0.08	.
Asian	62.39	66.48	- 1.24	0.07
Sing & Malay Gwth	72.87	77.77	+ 0.85	...
Hong Kong Gwth	247.00	263.60	- 12.00	0.12
Global Bond	21.11	22.24†	- 0.03	4.72
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	201.10	202.10†	+ 1.50	2.86
Tmise Index	135.00	138.80†	+ 0.40	2.51
THE FOOTSIE FUND	81.33	81.74	+ 0.73	2.42
Index Funds-International				
American Index	374.10	376.00	+ 5.10	0.72
Eurotrack 100	243.60	244.80	+ 3.50	0.96
Japan Index	67.82	68.16	- 0.60	0.13
Tiger Index	165.60	169.60	- 1.60	0.69
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	52.06	54.37†	+ 1.69	1.61
General Funds				
Managed Dist	100.50	105.00	+ 0.60	1.03
Managed	104.30	108.90	+ 0.60	1.03
Rupert Child Fnd	128.40	134.00	+ 1.30	1.47
UK Growth	83.32	87.02	+ 0.79	1.26
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	99.56	104.00†	+ 0.60	5.16
Gilt & Fixed Inc #	28.01	28.94	+ 0.09	7.53
UK Inc & Gwth	57.25	59.79	+ 0.48	2.58
UK Income #	436.90	456.30	+ 2.70	4.12
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	77.63	80.28	+ 0.44	
Amer Smllr Cos	189.40	197.30	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	191.40	199.40	- 0.80	..
Europe Gth	289.50	301.30†	+ 3.50	..
-do- Accum	299.90	312.10†	+ 3.60	
Euro Smaller Cos	51.81	53.94	+ 0.51	
French Growth	109.80	114.00	..	0.03
-do- Accum	118.80	123.30	- 0.10	0.03
H Kong & China	163.60	170.50	- 6.10	0.19
Intl Growth	80.13	83.49	+ 0.14	0.37
-do- Accum	81.65	85.07	+ 0.14	0.37
Japan Gth	26.59	27.71	- 0.40	.
-do- Accum	26.59	27.71	- 0.40	.
Japan Smaller Cos	27.76	28.97	- 0.22	.
Glob Emg Mkts	112.00	117.00†	- 1.20	.
-do- Accum	112.60	117.60†	- 1.30	
SE Asia	361.20	377.20	- 5.80	
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	49.64	51.18†	- 0.05	8.40
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	125.70	135.00	+ 2.40	3.02
UK Growth	131.50	140.00	+ 2.50	1.51
Hy 5 Europe	118.10	124.20	+ 2.50	1.80
Slater Gwth	207.80	221.60	+ 1.70	0.91
New Japan	76.30	80.58	- 0.99	.
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	199.20	211.90†	- 0.40	
Income #	251.93	268.01†	+ 1.13	3.87
UK Growth	94.63	100.83†	+ 0.55	1.03
Intl Growth	100.13	106.52†	- 0.38	0.53
Ecology	108.89	115.83	+ 0.67	0.76
European	241.00	256.38†	+ 1.76	0.20
Far Eastern	336.27	357.73†	- 6.82	.
UK Special Sits	61.42	65.51	+ 1.17	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	61.30	65.27	+ 0.03	0.52
High Income #	57.23	61.05	+ 0.32	4.59
Financial Opps	49.58	52.88	+ 0.30	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	105.60	109.10	+ 0.20	6.59
Euro Pov Inc	122.60	130.40†	+ 1.90	2.75
-do- Accum	122.80	130.60†	+ 1.89	2.75
Gilt Yield	123.70	130.60	+ 0.10	6.19
Global Income	262.70	279.50†	+ 1.80	2.87
High Yield	190.90	203.10†	+ 1.80	4.59
-do- Accum	650.20	691.70†	+ 5.90	4.59
Money Market	100.90	100.90†	+ 0.01	6.43
Smllr Cos Div	64.35	68.46†	+ 0.16	3.78
Tomorrows Co Eq Acc	1111.00	1127.00	+ 8.00	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	191.80	203.20	+ 0.60	..
Asian Growth	309.60	329.30	- 5.10	
-do- Accum	362.60	385.70	- 6.10	
North American	136.20	144.90	+ 1.30	..
European Special	153.90	163.70	+ 1.40	..
European	216.10	229.90	+ 3.20	0.56
-do- Accum	287.30	305.60	+ 4.10	0.56
Global Eqty Inc	139.50	148.10†	+ 0.70	1.54
Japan	378.10	402.20	+ 0.30	..
Japanese Special	190.20	202.30	- 1.10	..
Smaller Cos	154.59	164.40	+ 0.90	0.95
UK Equity Growth	61.16	65.06†	+ 0.57	1.10
UK Index Inc	403.60	405.60	+ 3.00	3.27
Bucham Tst	121.70	130.80†	+ 5.10	1.53
-do- Accum	123.90	133.10†	+ 5.20	1.53
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	361.48	384.55	+ 2.21	4.29
Esl Growth	121.30	129.04	- 4.42	1.16
Inc & Growth	80.45	85.59†	+ 0.33	3.49

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Ever Spec Sit Acc	63.61	67.67	+ 0.10	1.79
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	538.00	570.80	+ 5.70	1.53
UK Inc Gro #	571.20	606.50	+ 4.20	3.16
UK Income #	402.10	426.60	+ 3.30	4.02
UK Sm Cos	309.90	331.40	- 0.10	1.78
Euro Gwth	186.97	198.30	+ 1.90	0.14
N Amer Gwth	153.50	162.73	+ 1.60	
Pacific Growth	11.35	12.08	- 0.15	0.39
Emg Mkts Gwth	91.90	97.51	- 1.53	
Japan Growth	56.27	59.62	- 0.75	
Dealing: 01277 [illegible]				
Gwth Port Inc	80.74	85.2[illegible]	- 1.05	0.62
Gwth Port Acc	82.15	86.65	- 1.07	0.62
Inc Port Inc	70.97	74.90†	- 0.89	3.64
Inc Port Acc	81.13	85.69†	- 1.02	3.54
Brnce Port	65.78	69.42	- 0.94	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 385				
[illegible]	728.40	708.40	+ 5.50	2.29
-do- Accum	1377.00	1477.00	+ 11.00	2.29
Equity Income #	116.50	116.50†	- 0.70	4.59
UK Tracker	82.00	82.00	+ 0.37	4.45
European	176.70	176.70†	+ 2.40	0.42
Far Eastern	233.80	233.80	- 3.60	
Fixed Interest	57.33	57.33	+ 0.06	6.72
Gilt	95.59	95.59	+ 0.08	6.08
Global Growth	98.59	98.59	+ 0.05	0.20
Intl Bond	49.22	49.03†	+ 0.01	4.63
Japanese	58.32	58.32	- 0.74	
North American	278.90	279.90	+ 2.80	0.24
Pacific Growth	126.70	126.70	- 2.60	0.13
Pacific Index	47.35	47.35	- 0.65	1.90
UK Index	92.43	92.43	+ 0.72	2.81
UK Recovery	129.45	129.45		1.82
UK Smaller Cos	157.57	161.13†	+ 0.40	1.56
US Index	109.20	109.20	+ 1.30	0.86
European Index	111.60	111.60†	+ 1.60	0.99
Japan Index	54.20	54.90	- 0.30	
[illegible]	124.40	124.40	+ 0.30	1.26
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 523				
Growth	66.36	71.61	- 0.58	2.04
Income	70.60	80.22†	+ 0.60	3.78
Far East	48.95	50.97	- 0.73	
North American	101.50	109.60	+ 0.90	
Global	105.90	111.10	+ 0.10	0.29
European	123.20	131.60	+ 1.30	0.01
Japan	36.17	37.85†	- 0.73	
Intl Corporate Bd	49.10	50.43	- 0.02	5.30
UK Index	134.90	141.10	+ 2.20	0.41
UK Gen Growth	124.70	129.85	+ 1.30	1.28
Recovery Trust	103.30	107.22	+ 1.00	1.88
Managed	92.42	96.99	+ 0.90	1.52
Cash	51.15	51.15	+ 0.01	6.27
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 333 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	482.70	513.50	+ 7.30	1.95
-do- Accum	1172.70	1254.00	+ 18.00	1.95
Conf Growth	95.81	102.90	+ 1.21	0.04
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 1.30	0.04
Extra Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 4.30	3.64
Extra Inc Acc #	341.30	1009.00	+ 12.70	3.64
FTSE 100 [illegible]	100.66	100.76	+ 2.90	2.24
FTSE 100 [illegible]	106.36	110.90	+ 3.10	2.24
German Gth	122.73	130.50	+ 2.10	
-do- Accum	133.73	133.71	+ 2.10	
Growth Port	169.20	180.70	+ 7.60	0.13
-do- Accum	227.15	241.70	- 7.90	0.13
High Yield Inc	119.20	126.70	+ 0.40	6.83
High Interest Acc	117.90	122.20	+ 0.40	6.83
Hi Reserve Inc #	120.60	124.95†	+ 1.00	5.70
Hi Reserve Acc #	134.00	145.60	+ 1.10	5.70
Income Inc #	662.50	708.10	+ 10.00	3.15
Income Acc #	1932.10	2056.00	+ 29.00	3.15
Income Port	648.50	683.30	+ 0.90	3.99
-do- Accum	93.30	99.25	+ 12.60	3.99
Japan Growth	32.32	39.50	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	32.67	39.65	- 1.15	
Master Tmst	74.83	79.66	- 0.12	1.06
-do- Accum	86.37	93.27	+ 0.14	1.06
Monthly Inc	113.39	120.50	+ 0.50	2.00
N American Gth	115.90	123.23	+ 5.70	
-do- Accum	259.50	276.70	+ 6.50	
Nthm Sm Cos Inc	222.80	236.70	- 0.20	
-do- Accum	226.70	240.30	- 0.10	
Pacific Basin	235.20	251.60	- 6.10	0.30
-do- Accum	260.10	278.90	- 6.50	0.30
Safety First Acc	107.66	112.20	- 1.20	1.74
Sm Ins Tst 19.5.94	99.27			
Small Cos Inc	54.[illegible]	58.50	+ 1.30	2.32
-do- Accum	72.66	78.73	+ 1.70	2.32
UK Eq Gth	187.60	201.30	+ 2.90	2.24
UK Eq Inc #	157.90	167.10	+ 2.40	3.71
UK Growth	125.40	133.50†	+ 1.80	1.60
-do- Accum	167.39	172.46	+ 2.30	1.60
Worldwide Gth	427.30	[illegible]	+ 3.30	1.11
-do- Accum	672.10	640.50	+ 4.90	1.11
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 573				
American	111.81	113.31†	+ 1.57	0.30
General	129.40	137.75	+ 2.11	2.20
Income	95.43	101.73	+ 1.17	4.50
International	82.25	87.35	+ 0.27	0.30

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan	54.36	58.13†	- 0.65	.
Tst of Inv Tsts	86.66	91.90	+ 0.35	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	649.40	686.60†	+ 7.30	0.10
-do- Accum	814.30	859.70†	+ 9.30	0.10
Amer Recovery	890.40	946.40	+ 1.70	.
-do- Accum	925.70	978.80	+ 1.90	..
Amer Smllr Cos	184.80	195.40†	- 1.10	...
-do- Accum	189.80	199.60†	- 1.20	
Australasian	223.90	238.30†	- 0.70	2.86
-do- Accum	285.00	302.30†		2.86
Capital	1033.90	1093.30†	+ 5.70	2.82
-do- Accum	1265.20	1337.80†	+ 6.80	2.82
Charifund	887.50	896.40†	+ 4.80	5.35
-do- Accum	4810.80	4859.00†	+ 26.10	5.35
Commodity	476.10	503.50†	- 2.10	0.52
-do- Accum	705.50	746.10†	- 3.10	0.52
Compound Gth	1249.90	1321.80	+ 10.20	2.66
-do- Accum	1397.70	1478.10	+ 11.30	2.66
Corporate Bond	27.80	27.89	+ 0.05	6.70
Dividend	49.70	52.80	+ 0.20	4.52
-do- Accum	229.20	242.50	+ 0.90	4.52
Equity Income	349.60	369.70†	+ 0.30	5.31
-do- Accum	506.70	536.70†	+ 0.30	5.31
Euro & General	750.70	793.50	+ 6.90	0.48
-do- Accum	968.90	1024.70	+ 8.80	0.48
Euro Dividend	91.20	96.40†	+ 0.60	3.43
-do- Accum	119.50	126.40†	+ 0.90	3.43
Euro Smlr Cos	58.20	61.50	+ 0.50	0.50
-do- Accum	58.40	61.70	+ 0.50	0.50
Extra Yield	534.50	565.70	+ 2.90	4.83
-do- Accum	1838.30	1942.00	+ 9.80	4.83
Fund of Inv Tsts	776.40	821.00	+ 2.00	1.29
-do- Accum	1514.70	1601.70	+ 3.90	1.29
General	81.50	86.20	+ 0.50	3.55
-do- Accum	247.90	262.10	+ 1.60	3.55
Gilt Income	65.20	65.31†	+ 0.05	6.30
-do- Accum	208.70	209.12†	+ 0.20	6.30
Gold	56.90	60.20†	- 0.50	0.98
-do- Accum	68.60	72.60†	- 0.60	0.98
High Income	37.90	40.10	+ 0.30	4.41
-do- Accum	168.60	178.50	+ 0.90	4.41
Intl Growth	98.60	104.30†	+ 0.50	0.59
-do- Accum	175.60	185.80†	+ 0.90	0.59
International Inc	127.00	134.30	+ 0.50	3.94
-do- Accum	206.60	218.50	+ 0.80	3.94
Japan & Gen	34.80	35.90	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	36.50	38.50	- 0.40	
Japan Smllr Cos	113.60	120.10	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	114.40	120.90	- 0.70	..
Managed Gwth	29.20	30.88†	+ 0.10	1.44
Managed Income	33.19	34.80†	+ 0.20	4.13
Midland	61.60	65.10	+ 0.10	3.15
-do- Accum	219.10	231.90	+ 0.40	3.15
Pension Ex	1232.20	1263.10	+ 7.30	3.75
Recovery	52.30	55.30†	+ 0.30	2.78
-do- Accum	92.10	97.40†	+ 0.40	2.78
Second General	80.40	85.00	+ 0.30	3.95
-do- Accum	225.30	238.30	+ 0.90	3.95
Smaller Cos	63.80	67.60†	+ 0.20	3.21
-do- Accum	135.80	143.80†	+ 0.50	3.21
Sth East Asia	388.60	412.00†	- 6.30	1.21
-do- Accum	527.20	557.50†	- 8.50	1.21
Treasury	25.17	25.21†	.	6.06
Trustee	48.70	51.50	+ 0.20	4.77
-do- Accum	215.90	228.60	+ 0.90	4.77
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	127.41	135.54	+ 2.25	0.44
Intl Bond	62.39	65.53	- 0.15	3.84
Intl Equity Growth	99.33	105.48	+ 0.27	0.50
N Amer Growth	168.99	179.29	+ 1.85	0.56
Special Sits Growth	33.07	35.10	+ 0.49	2.05
UK Growth	546.93	581.83	+ 8.68	2.38
-do- Accum	762.91	811.60	+ 12.10	2.38
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1586.40	1618.20	...	2.88
Income #	1154.90	1173.10†	.	4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	188.80	193.00†	.	3.54
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	100.20	103.30†	+ 0.50	6.43
M & S Inv Ptflo	208.30	269.80†	+ 0.80	2.02
-do- Accum	246.40	254.00†	+ 1.19	2.02
UK Sel Ptflo	186.10	191.80	+ 1.40	2.07
-do- Accum	228.90	236.00	+ 1.70	2.07
UK 100 Cos	146.10	146.10	+ 1.20	2.32
-do- Accum	149.80	149.80	+ 1.30	2.32
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	75.82	80.66	...	3.10
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	97.50	103.50	+ 0.70	3.14
European	122.40	129.90	+ 0.60	0.34
Income #	97.26	103.20†	+ 1.30	3.84
Nth American	123.00	130.60	+ 1.20	0.01
Far East	196.70	208.80	- 3.50	0.16
Japan	85.02	89.02	- 0.86	..
Emging Mkts	104.80	112.10	- 1.20	0.41
Intl Growth	158.00	167.70	- 0.60	0.25
UK Growth	140.60	149.30	+ 1.20	2.52
UK Smll Co	63.01	66.89	+ 0.04	1.78
Asia Pacific	41.00	43.85	- 1.12	0.46
Glob Gwth PEP	74.32	79.52	+ 0.36	0.57
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	114.50	121.50	- 1.40	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	557.25	592.92	+ 4.97	2.98
Global Inc	86.41	91.93	+ 0.27	3.26
Brit Leaders Inc	437.48	465.40	+ 3.49	1.56
Intl Leaders	279.06	296.87	+ 1.43	0.53
PAM Mg Bal Grth	76.87	80.03	- 0.87	0.33
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	338.60	356.70	+ 4.100	
-do- Accum	352.10	371.40	+ 4.400	..
American Opps	136.40	144.90	- 0.30	..
-do- Accum	138.20	146.80	- 0.40	.
British Blue Chip	117.30	124.60	+ 2.100	2.42
-do- Accum	153.00	162.40	+ 2.600	2.42
Cash	100.50	100.59		6.34
-do- Accum	154.20	154.20	.	6.34
Emerging Mkts	165.40	177.90	- 2.10	0.17
-do- Accum	167.90	180.50	- 2.10	0.17
European Growth	400.00	423.30†	+ 8.200	0.45
-do- Accum	436.50	462.00†	+ 9.100	0.45
European Income	100.70	106.70	+ 2.300	3.80
-do- Accum	151.70	160.60	+ 3.500	3.80
General	687.30	729.20	+ 11.80	2.16
-do- Accum	1424.00	1513.00	+ 25.00	2.16
Global Bond	128.20	134.70	- 0.10	3.63
-do- Accum	174.20	183.00	- 0.20	3.63
Gold & General	161.30	173.10	- 0.90	0.42
-do- Accum	166.90	179.20	- 0.90	0.42
Govt Securities	97.74	100.70	+ 0.100	5.52
-do- Accum	215.10	221.70	+ 0.200	5.52
High Yield Bd	106.30	108.90	+ 0.200	6.50
-do- Accum	117.70	120.50	+ 0.200	6.50
Income	224.70	238.60†	+ 3.300	3.77
-do- Accum	385.90	409.90†	+ 5.650	3.77
Inc Portfolio #	124.80	132.10†	+ 1.200	4.85
-do- Accum #	140.90	149.20†	+ 1.400	4.35
Intl Opps	653.20	696.70	+ 2.900	0.71
-do- Accum	887.50	946.70	+ 4.200	0.71
Japan	177.30	189.80	- 2.80	
-do- Accum	182.60	194.80	- 3.00	
New Europe	281.20	299.90	+ 2.900	0.94
-do- Accum	295.10	314.80	+ 3.100	0.94
Pacific	107.70	117.00†	- 1.70	0.18
-do- Accum	118.30	126.70†	- 1.90	0.18
Recovery	532.10	567.60	+ 2.700	1.60
-do- Accum	708.50	755.70	+ 3.500	1.60
UK Smaller Cos	63.20	67.41	- 1.69	1.51
-do- Accum	73.73	78.61	- 1.93	1.51
Portfolio	106.40	112.82	+ 1.050	2.59
-do- Accum	133.10	141.20	+ 1.400	2.59
Managed Gwth	133.10	145.60	+ 1.100	1.74
Managed Inc	134.10	135.20	+ 1.500	3.87
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	187.63	199.61	+ 3.47	0.12
Portfolio	92.54	98.45	+ 1.09	1.22
UK Income Inc	110.33	117.90	+ 1.61	4.01
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq 0345 456 123 Dlg 0345 456 126				
Balanced	78.72	82.45	+ 0.73	2.51
-do- Accum	93.10	97.25	+ 0.82	2.51
British Tst	129.60	135.90	+ 2.40	1.92
-do- Accum	158.70	166.20	+ 3.00	1.92
Corp Bond Inc	100.40	106.10	+ 0.20	6.50
-do- Accum	110.40	114.40†	+ 0.20	6.50
Extra High Inc	79.73	83.54	+ 0.32	6.12
-do- Accum #	179.30	187.70	+ 0.80	6.12
FTSE 100 Acc	83.04	87.19	+ 0.83	2.44
FTSE 100 Dist	81.02	84.84	+ 0.77	2.44
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.09	60.43	+ 0.07	6.06
-do- Accum	192.50	200.30	+ 0.20	6.06
High Yield	274.50	287.90	+ 1.50	5.47
-do- Accum #	788.50	825.70	+ 3.60	5.47
Horizontal Horizons	112.70	117.30	+ 0.90	1.26
Income	381.50	399.50†	+ 5.40	3.89
-do- Accum #	927.30	971.00†	+ 15.60	3.89
Money Market UT	43.34	43.35		5.95
-do- Accum	86.37	86.39†		5.95
Monthly Income	109.80	114.10†	+ 0.60	3.97
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	165.30	175.30	+ 1.90	1.98
European Growth	170.40	180.60	+ 5.40	
Gilt & Fixed	103.50	112.10	+ 0.10	6.10
Income	176.60	184.00	+ 0.90	3.86
Japan Growth	44.76	48.92	- 0.69	
Managed	95.35	102.52	+ 0.40	2.33
Money Market	97.73	105.70		5.17
North American	136.60	144.90	+ 7.20	.
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	149.80	159.40	+ 1.70	1.86
European Growth	150.80	160.40	+ 8.00	
Gilt & Fixed Inc	101.90	107.70	+ 0.10	6.11
Income	123.30	131.20	+ 0.90	3.86
Japan Growth	44.13	46.78	- 0.53	
Managed	92.04	97.91	+ 0.42	2.33
Money Market	90.87	97.41	+ 0.01	5.17
North American	122.40	129.73	+ 6.40	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	147.10	156.50	+ 1.60	1.90
European Growth	156.30	165.61	+ 8.00	
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.35	96.83	+ 0.11	6.12
Income	118.30	126.46	+ 0.30	3.89

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	46.93	48.05	- 0.62	..
Managed	94.94	101.00	+ 0.80	2.23
Money Market	83.17	88.18	.	5.18
North American	137.20	145.40	- 7.20	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	572.50	605.90†	+ 4.20	...
European Gth Inc	649.60	688.00	+ 1.99	...
-do- Accum	655.70	696.60	+ 2.09	
Intl Gwth	274.70	298.70	+ 1.40	.
UK Equity Inc	252.90	269.00	+ 1.80	3.84
Do. Accum	350.20	372.60	+ 2.60	3.84
UK Growth Inc	147.30	157.60†	+ 1.80	3.04
-do- Accum	153.30	164.00†	+ 1.80	3.04
UK Ind Trckr Inc	330.50	348.50†	+ 1.90	2.72
-do- Accum	352.00	371.70†	+ 0.58	2.72
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	362.70	383.20	+ 4.90	0.84
Japan Tracker	63.19	66.66	- 0.53	...
Asian Tracker	226.50	244.60	- 3.89	0.38
Mngd Ptflo Inc	211.20	224.88	+ 0.40	1.58
Mngd Ptflo Acc	233.80	248.98	+ 0.40	1.58
Deposit Inc	100.11	100.11†	+ 0.01	6.75
Europa	271.20	291.70†	+ 0.80	..
[illegible]	215.50	284.10	+ 0.60	2.43
High Income	21.14	22.41†	+ 0.08	10.00
Japan Growth	98.06	101.90†	- 1.10	...
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	121.80	124.40	+ 0.40	1.92
Acumen Inc	108.69	112.07	+ 0.99	1.92
Acumen Reserve	103.50	104.50†	+ 0.20	6.76
-do- Inc	76.82	77.28†	+ 0.14	6.76
American Growth	88.20	88.24†	- 0.08	..
Equity Income #	124.00	127.80	+ 1.30	3.70
European	97.52	99.32	+ 0.02	...
Smaller Cos	98.02	102.40	+ 0.14	1.16
W'wide Eqty	91.12	93.01†	- 0.14	...
Global Bond	41.59	42.81	- 0.14	4.97
UK Growth	129.50	134.20	+ 1.25	1.04
Pacific Growth	119.80	122.90†	- 3.60	0.93
Japan Growth	98.12	99.65†	- 0.74	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	177.61	188.95†	+ 1.46	1.89
For N&P see Abbey National.				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	153.70	161.80	+ 0.70	.
European Dist	183.60	193.50	+ 2.70	0.13
Far East Dist	183.20	192.80†	- 3.10	...
Global Care Dist	96.96	102.06	+ 0.37	0.53
Ocean Dist	1260.20	1326.50	- 2.10	.
-do- Accum	1637.80	1724.00	- 2.70	..
UK Dist	512.80	538.98	+ 4.30	1.84
-do- Accum	1059.20	1114.90	+ 8.80	1.84
UK Extra Inc Dist	103.90	109.40†	+ 0.80	3.56
Wwide Dist	133.20	140.20	- 0.19	..
Wwide Inc Dist	99.95	105.21	+ 0.43	1.82
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	95.09	100.40	+ 1.60	0.31
Fund of Funds Inc	78.85	83.22	+ 0.23	1.20
North America Inc	81.40	85.91	+ 0.76	0.10
UK Equity Gth Inc	78.88	83.25	+ 0.29	1.82
-do- Accum	86.54	91.34	+ 0.33	1.82
UK General Inc	77.65	81.85	+ 0.50	1.96
-do- Accum	87.02	91.84	+ 0.57	1.96
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.61	51.18†	- 0.06	6.14
UK Income Inc	76.37	80.60†	+ 0.45	2.98
UK Smlr Cos Inc	122.80	129.40	+ 0.49	1.14
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	64.15	68.24	+ 0.94	..
-do- Accum	64.65	68.77	+ 0.93	...
Bond	131.40	139.50	+ 0.10	4.78
Cash Income	50.71	50.71	+ 0.01	5.93
-do- Accum	71.79	71.79	+ 0.01	5.93
Challenger	94.13	97.50	+ 0.31	1.31
Distributor	120.51	128.20	+ 1.82	2.51
European	70.65	75.15	+ 0.74	...
Foundation	128.37	136.56	+ 2.96	1.49
General Inc	279.57	287.67†	+ 0.43	0.84
General Acc	276.40	294.04†	+ 0.44	0.84
Growth Inc	163.14	173.55	+ 1.40	1.52
Growth Acc	169.21	180.01	+ 1.45	1.52
Higher Income Inc	38.46	40.91	+ 0.80	5.22
-do- Accum	47.66	50.72	+ 0.98	5.22
Income	312.60	332.55†	- 2.30	3.41
Intnatl	174.98	182.27		1.02
Intl Gwth	46.16	49.10	+ 0.19	...
Japan	29.74	31.63†	- 0.27	..
Oriental Inc	151.89	161.58†	- 3.61	0.07
-do- Accum	157.50	167.55†	- 3.74	0.08
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2585				
High Income #	53.96	57.10†	+ 0.53	5.88
UK Growth	132.40	140.10	.	2.55
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	158.62	168.02	+ 0.11	0.72
UK Equity	198.93	209.40†	+ 1.54	2.62
UK Equity Income	177.75	187.10	+ 1.34	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	150.70	158.63†	+ 0.19	1.44
UK Equity Growth	171.21	180.22	+ 1.98	1.25
UK Index Trckg	201.25	212.40†	+ 2.82	2.43
Intl Index Trckg	200.25	211.35†	+ 1.31	0.82
International	316.63	333.30	+ 0.37	0.71
European	309.08	325.35†	+ 3.38	
Pan European	208.94	219.94	+ 2.43	0.88
Nth American	294.48	309.99	+ 1.46	0.32
N Amer Smlr Cos	312.36	328.80†	- 0.41	...
Japanese	90.60	95.37	- 1.11	...
Pacific	233.30	245.58	- 4.34	0.79
South East Asian	269.32	283.50	- 7.21	0.53
Sterling Bond	105.02	110.55†	+ 0.14	6.57
Intl Bond	124.89	131.25†	- 0.14	4.08
Gilt & Convertible	113.83	119.83	+ 0.10	5.85
Property	88.15	92.78	+ 0.01	5.57
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	427.40	460.20	.	0.35
-do- Accum	454.20	489.20	...	0.35
Japan Inc	98.62	104.40	.	.
Nth American Inc	196.90	208.40†	.	0.59
Worldwide Inc	215.10	226.50	+ 1.70	0.08
Hong Kong Inc	254.40	272.80†	.	0.50
Swiss Equities Inc	111.00	118.30	+ 2.10	.
Wwide Bond Inc	67.94	71.89	- 0.06	4.55
Emging Asia Inc	195.70	210.30	.	0.18
-do- Accum	198.40	211.20	.	0.18
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.13	50.13†	.	5.77
Thailand Inc	64.89	70.52	- 2.96	3.86
New Zealand Inc	103.40	117.10	.	1.90
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	84.28	90.26	.	0.51
Latin Am Crcp Inc	92.36	98.24	.	0.52
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	83.39	84.77	...	2.23
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	92.63	98.76	...	
Global Portfolio	82.18	87.89	...	
Way Global Bal	73.62	78.32	...	
Marsh Global Grth	69.47	73.67	...	
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	124.70	133.60	.	0.86
Temple Equity Inc	52.82	57.48†	+ 0.33	1.69
Hadley Growth	135.30	144.20†	.	0.42
Intl Growth Inc	90.04	96.30	..	
IPS Portfolio Inc	107.20	113.40	- 1.10	..
Rexborough Smit Gth	82.81	88.57	- 0.42	0.16
UFC Growth	72.59	77.64	- 0.73	3.52
Chatfield Port of Fds	81.72	85.49	..	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	263.40	280.20	+ 2.60	0.84
European Gth	162.90	172.90	+ 2.10	0.24
Income & Gth #	181.80	193.40	+ 1.80	2.74
Japan Gth	102.10	108.60	- 1.20	..
Nth Amer Gth	286.70	304.00	+ 2.60	0.08
Overseas Gth	144.50	153.80	+ 0.50	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	332.90	354.12	+ 5.60	1.71
-do- Accum	743.70	791.10	+ 12.60	1.71
Growth	213.10	224.90	+ 3.40	2.11
Income	317.60	337.80	+ 4.80	3.28
Intl Equity	323.10	343.70	+ 2.10	...
-do- Accum	361.80	384.80	+ 2.30	..
Equity Income #	84.54	89.93†	+ 1.21	4.70
Equity Growth	112.50	119.70	+ 1.70	1.26
New Europe	126.70	134.70	+ 2.90	..
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	834.88	887.28	+ 4.21	0.19
-do- Accum	839.86	896.81	+ 4.20	0.19
Income	537.86	575.26	+ 4.47	2.68
Wwide Recovery	547.29	585.34	+ 2.56	0.16
Amer Growth Inc	360.32	382.86	+ 4.71	0.01
-do- Accum	360.32	382.86	+ 4.71	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	318.42	340.56	+ 0.62	0.01
Far Estn Gth Inc	317.62	339.71	+ 1.39	0.46
-do- Accum	321.59	343.95	+ 1.41	0.46
Euro Gwth Inc	233.64	249.16	+ 3.58	0.01
-do- Accum	234.45	250.03	+ 3.60	0.01
UK Growth Inc	136.94	146.47	+ 1.15	2.40
-do- Accum	150.51	160.98	+ 1.26	2.40
High Income	137.97	147.50†	+ 1.81	3.06
Jap Gwth Inc	178.28	190.79	- 0.48	0.01
-do- Accum	179.38	190.79	- 0.48	0.01
PEP Bond	61.67	64.31	+ 0.24	7.89
PEP Growth	176.44	188.58	+ 1.63	0.38
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	143.04	152.99	- 3.38	0.01
-do- Accum	143.50	153.48	- 3.39	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	227.77	243.84	+ 1.07	0.01
-do- Accum	228.77	243.84	+ 1.07	0.01
Global Bond	55.87	58.86	+ 0.13	5.81
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.11	117.77†	+ 0.35	2.05
-do- Accum	119.26	127.56	+ 0.38	2.05
Lat Am Gwth Inc	48.39	51.76	- 0.11	0.01
-do- Accum	49.17	52.59	- 0.12	0.01
World Inc PEP #	50.58	53.53	+ 0.40	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3827				
American	164.42	173.91	- 3.10	..
European	117.01	124.48†	- 2.28	..
Global	77.26	82.19	- 1.78	.
Pacific	62.18	65.68	- 0.76	.
UK Inc & Gth	91.17	98.98	- 1.20	1.40
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8090				
Asia	59.60	63.08	- 1.07	..
Emerg Mkts	55.79	59.19†	- 0.54	0.27
Euro Fund	49.66	52.69	- 1.63	..
Fund of Funds	226.09	237.98	- 3.97	0.03
High Income #	58.15	61.21†	- 0.45	5.72
Performance	55.80	59.31	- 0.92	.
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	239.60	254.50†	+ 1.90	0.50
Dividend	114.00	121.90†	+ 1.80	3.89
Inv Gth & Inc	277.00	296.00†	+ 2.70	1.34
UK & Gen	54.88	58.70†	+ 0.85	1.16
Fund of Funds	84.25	90.11	- 1.53	.
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	193.79	201.45†	+ 1.07	2.29
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	149.70	158.80†	+ 0.70	2.07
Conv & Gilt	125.80	133.90	+ 0.60	4.39
Euro Spc Sit Acc	120.80	128.50	+ 2.10	.
Extra Income	217.80	224.50†	+ 2.20	4.08
-do- Accum	283.00	301.60	+ 2.80	4.08
Far East	404.40	430.20	- 6.80	0.13
-do- Accum	412.30	438.30	- 6.80	0.13
Global Income	30.15	32.00†	+ 0.00	4.30
High Income	160.00	170.20	+ 1.80	3.96
-do- Accum	209.40	222.70	+ 2.40	3.95
International	251.00	267.00	+ 1.10	0.22
-do- Accum	261.40	278.10	+ 1.20	0.22
Pref & Fxd Int	48.70	51.89†	+ 0.04	8.24
Recovery	87.00	102.20	+ 0.40	2.42
Special Sits	156.90	166.90	+ 0.10	1.64
-do- Accum	176.20	187.40	+ 0.10	1.64
Technology	843.10	896.80	+ 5.20	.
UK Blue Chip	105.60	111.70	+ 1.40	2.77
-do- Accum	125.80	133.80	+ 1.80	2.77
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 400000 Client Enq: 0345 895500				
Managed Tst	50.72	52.15	+ 0.19	1.89
Cash Haven Inc	100.96	101.45†	+ 0.02	6.11
Cash Haven Acc	123.16	123.77	+ 0.03	6.11
Dist Trust Inc	115.87	119.87†	+ 0.64	5.01
Dist Trust Acc	135.64	140.56	+ 0.75	5.01
Global Growth	119.74	127.38†	+ 0.88	0.72
Equity Inc	97.12	103.32†	+ 0.79	4.18

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Equity	1043.37	1100.97	+ 8.79	1.73
European	321.76	343.79	+ 5.70	0.32
High Income	102.91	108.48	+ 0.13	4.79
Intl Gwth	249.56	264.43†	+ 0.94	0.88
Intl Sm Co	103.40	110.60	+ 0.26	0.72
Japanese	173.42	179.71	- 0.14	..
Mngd Income Tst #	58.19	61.89†	+ 0.08	7.61
Nth Amer	308.88	317.55	+ 2.21	0.77
Pacific Mkts	113.58	117.70†	- 1.64	1.25
Premier Inc	48.15	51.05†	+ 0.82	8.12
Sm Cos	111.34	118.45	+ 0.16	1.66
Spec Sits	145.18	154.45†	+ 1.61	1.82
UK Growth	174.90	186.06†	+ 1.45	1.76
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
HI Inc Inv Inc	94.32	99.71	+ 0.18	3.22
Investment Trust	131.30	138.06	+ 2.97	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	110.83	115.54†	+ 0.87	1.77
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	410.40	435.30	+ 8.10	2.12
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	901.85	953.71	+ 8.34	..
America (Acc)	1056.70	1117.46	+ 9.75	.
Amer Smllr Cos	78.12	82.08	+ 0.16	...
Asia	53.50	57.27	.	.
European	495.65	526.28	+ 12.26	.
Japan	212.18	225.03	- 3.06	.
Jap Smllr Cos	31.28	33.35	- 0.38	..
Major UK Cos	139.62	148.77	+ 2.25	1.44
Smllr UK Cos	445.14	484.85	+ 2.88	1.27
UK Equity Inc #	211.72	226.04	+ 2.45	3.70
Five-Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	55.20	57.65	- 1.12	.
Cash	48.27	50.27	.	3.81
Emerging Mkts	59.41	62.84	- 1.31	.
Europe	73.82	77.08	+ 1.16	..
Global Fixed Int #	49.35	51.54	- 0.08	4.44
Japan	38.94	40.77	- 0.43	...
North America	82.98	86.66	- 1.48	..
UK	75.83	79.18	- 0.08	0.42
UK Equity Inc #	69.85	72.94	- 0.71	3.31
UK Fixed Int #	52.24	54.55	+ 0.18	6.98
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gwth Port	58.12	60.22	- 0.85	..
Pep Inc Port #	57.34	59.41	- 0.50	2.84
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Private: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	162.80	171.60	+ 0.50	0.25
Pacific Basin	79.86	85.42	- 1.84	0.30
High Inc Dist	192.90	205.70	- 1.30	3.44
Ryl Life Int Grwy	67.38	71.19†	+ 0.11	3.80
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	91.58	97.43†	- 0.30	0.06
Ryl Life Intl Spec	80.58	85.67	- 0.89	...
UK Emerging Cos	134.80	145.80	- 0.80	1.20
UK Index Trckg	236.30	251.00	- 1.20	3.19
European	212.00	227.20	- 3.08	0.15
Managed	208.30	225.00†	- 1.60	0.67
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01268 784 400				
American Growth	245.00	260.00†	+ 2.30	1.07
European Growth	179.00	192.10†	- 3.87	1.20
Far East Growth	163.80	174.30†	- 2.00	0.08
Japan Growth	113.50	120.60	- 2.30	0.27
Special Sits	267.50	278.10	- 1.50	1.43
UK Growth	121.30	129.00	- 0.60	2.29
Intl Growth	331.80	353.00	- 3.40	1.52
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	168.80	178.60	- 2.10	0.25
Gr Euro Prog Inc	572.80	642.80	+ 1.10	0.07
-do- Accum	804.80	851.60	+ 1.90	0.07
Growth Inc	176.30	186.60	+ 0.40	0.10
-do- Accum	181.30	191.50	+ 0.58	0.10
International Inc	466.30	493.40	+ 1.10	0.21
-do- Accum	847.00	894.70	+ 1.80	0.21
Nth Am & Intl Inc	480.50	506.50	- 0.40	..
UK Gen Prog Inc	285.30	301.90	+ 0.60	1.93
-do- Accum	330.50	349.50	+ 0.99	1.93
UK High Inc Inc	169.20	178.10	+ 0.60	4.35
SARWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	132.53	141.09	- 3.46	0.75
European Gwth	116.70	124.14	+ 2.24	1.00
Global Bd	50.79	54.21	- 0.29	5.09
Japan	51.04	54.29	- 0.51	..
UK Gwth	98.71	105.07	+ 0.81	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 723 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	181.50	193.10	+ 0.40	...
Cash	140.30	140.40	- 0.20	0.30
China Dragon	94.34	100.40	- 5.70	0.30
Commodity	141.79	150.70		
Emerging Mkts	46.42	49.39	- 1.39	0.37
European Gwth	295.60	335.70	+ 4.60	.
Euro Smllr Cos	80.13	85.24	- 1.09	...
Extra Income #	84.06	88.36†	+ 0.45	5.27
Far Eastern	101.60	108.10	- 2.30	..
FE Sm Cos	46.01	48.95	- 1.02	0.50
Financial Secs	401.60	427.20	+ 2.40	1.33
Gold & Exploration	80.58	84.45	- 0.42	..
Growth	532.50	535.20	+ 0.10	1.51
High Income	51.18	51.98†	+ 0.14	6.79
Intl Bond	160.20	162.28	- 0.80	5.17
ITU	271.50	288.80	+ 1.60	0.77
Japan Growth	152.50	161.70	- 2.00	..
Japan Smaller	134.30	142.50	- 0.88	..
Korea	40.90	43.51	- 0.17	...
Latin America	55.32	58.82†	- 0.72	0.23
Masterfund	73.06	73.49	- 0.68	0.75
Premier Eq Gth	198.70	211.40	+ 2.20	0.75
Premier Eq Inc #	430.20	457.70	+ 4.50	4.18
SE Asia	48.48	51.57	- 1.33	0.01
Southern Africa	58.94	62.70†	- 0.10	1.14
UK & O'seas	237.80	252.80	+ 0.80	1.12
UK Eqty Gth	98.98	105.30	+ 1.20	0.89
UK Eqty Inc #	306.60	326.20†	+ 3.60	3.98
UK Gth & Inc #	361.70	384.80†	+ 5.00	2.80
UK Sm Cos	61.41	65.33	+ 0.16	1.07
US Growth	273.80	291.20	+ 3.20	..
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	426.87	450.81	+ 5.76	0.79
-do- Accum	473.80	500.38	+ 6.40	0.79
European Gwth	111.84	118.51	+ 2.08	0.21
Euro Smllr Cos	127.90	136.28	+ 1.74	...
-do- Accum	128.75	136.86	+ 1.77	...
Far Eastern Gth	114.83	122.49†	- 2.41	...
-do- Accum	117.05	124.84†	- 2.48	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	55.28	58.35	+ 0.05	7.29
Global Bond #	45.71	48.25†	- 0.07	5.93
-do- Accum #	55.46	58.42†	- 0.08	5.93
Global Emer Mkts	62.91	67.18	- 0.71	..
-do- Accum	62.97	67.18	- 0.71	...
Income #	490.38	523.07	+ 2.13	4.55
-do- Accum #	1692.53	1805.38	+ 7.38	4.55
Japan Smllr Cos	306.77	327.22†	- 0.88	...
-do- Accum	307.39	327.87†	- 0.89	...
Japan Enterprise	64.91	69.23	- 0.73	...
Pacific Gwth	163.92	174.84†	- 2.95	0.41
-do- Accum	170.46	181.75†	- 3.07	0.41
Portfolio	109.20	116.93†	+ 0.54	1.69
-do- Accum	123.42	131.49†	+ 0.61	1.69
Seoul	34.66	36.97	- 0.31	...
-do- Accum	34.66	36.97	- 0.31	
Smaller Cos	351.48	374.91	+ 1.88	1.04
-do- Accum	420.97	449.03	+ 2.83	1.04
Strategic Inc	113.60	121.13†	+ 0.13	2.79
Strategic Acc	116.54	124.29†	+ 0.13	2.79
Tokyo	128.57	138.20	- 1.29	...
-do- Accum	130.89	139.69	- 1.30	...
UK Enterprise	386.30	412.65	+ 1.02	2.06
-do- Accum	489.13	521.75	+ 1.29	2.06
UK Equity	358.53	382.48†	+ 1.82	2.32
-do- Accum	740.87	790.27†	+ 3.77	2.32
US Smllr Cos	307.45	327.72	+ 1.50	...
-do- Accum	307.45	327.72	+ 1.50	...
Institutional Funds				
European	381.29	374.49†	+ 9.45	0.87
-do- Accum	411.74	426.78†	+ 10.77	0.87
Euro Smllr Cos	41.34	43.01	+ 0.09	0.85
-do- Accum	44.86	46.69	+ 0.10	0.85
Global Equity Inc	107.48	111.93	+ 0.74	0.89
Japan Smllr Cos	29.32	30.54	- 0.24	0.11
-do- Accum	29.65	30.89	- 0.24	0.17
Mngd Balanced	252.79	262.32	+ 0.46	3.81
-do- Accum	302.26	314.86	+ 0.55	3.81
Overseas Equity	258.50	260.69	+ 1.47	0.75
-do- Accum	264.94	275.93	+ 1.49	0.75
Oseas Smllr Cos	143.40	149.37†	- 0.73	0.72
-do- Accum	152.87	159.28†	- 0.77	0.72
Pacific	289.04	301.08	- 4.87	1.35
-do- Accum	323.80	337.28	- 5.46	1.35
Recovery	2624.70	2734.15†	+ 11.42	3.03
-do- Accum	2964.01	3087.50†	+ 12.89	3.03
UK Index	227.44	230.65†	+ 2.31	2.96
-do- Accum	293.63	305.85†	+ 3.05	2.96
UK Small Cos	149.30	155.52†	+ 0.57	2.63
-do- Accum	169.17	176.22†	+ 0.65	2.63
US Smllr Cos	81.19	84.40	+ 0.32	0.43
-do- Accum	83.54	86.84	+ 0.34	0.43
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	70.46	74.51	- 0.42	2.22
Equity Trust	91.63	96.90	- 0.40	2.43
Equity Strategy	100.09	105.75	- 0.63	1.00
European Opps	126.70	133.98	- 2.42	
UK Smaller Cos	79.69	84.27	- 0.41	1.36
Moderator Inc	98.45	101.31	+ 0.01	7.67
Japanese	66.12	69.92	- 0.52	
Asia Pacific	119.43	126.30	- 1.89	0.25
American	173.67	183.65	+ 2.10	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.65	34.65	+ 0.01	6.47
UK Eq Gwth Inc	71.42	76.16†	+ 0.59	3.00
-do- Accum	99.26	105.86†	+ 0.95	3.00
Intl Income	343.10	365.15	+ 3.05	1.42
-do- Accum	608.85	648.83	+ 5.41	1.42
European	126.57	134.39	+ 2.85	1.35
Japan	58.90	62.38	- 0.69	0.19
American	128.11	135.28	+ 3.82	1.17
Far East Tst	90.14	96.15†	- 1.76	1.38
Ethical Inc	43.02	46.01†	+ 0.17	1.55
UK Blue Chip Inc	47.78	51.06†	+ 0.48	3.38
UK Equity Inc	49.00	52.27	+ 0.16	4.17
UK Global Inc	56.32	60.07†	+ 0.67	1.86
Wwide Tact	98.12	104.42	+ 1.12	1.01
Europe Tactical	90.36	96.48	+ 2.07	0.96
Technology	180.31	193.93	+ 0.58	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	592.40	631.30	+ 6.30	2.57
American	428.10	453.00	+ 5.09	0.23
Pacific	411.40	440.60	- 4.60	0.12
European	786.30	841.00	+ 12.40	0.61
Worldwide	111.60	119.20		0.16
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	391.90	417.00	+ 3.40	1.90
-do- Accum	525.30	558.90	+ 4.70	1.90
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	290.00	308.40	+ 1.70	1.46
-do- Accum	360.60	383.70	+ 2.10	1.46
Select Opprtny Inc	97.42	104.20	+ 0.93	1.76
Income Plus Inc	100.80	107.10	+ 0.69	2.81
European Inc	545.80	579.10	+ 6.50	0.01
-do- Accum	626.80	667.50	+ 7.50	0.01
Far Eastern Inc	184.20	196.00	- 4.70	0.67
-do- Accum	214.30	228.00	- 5.40	0.67
Japanese Inc	56.70	60.32	- 0.64	..
Nth American Inc	427.90	454.80	+ 1.70	0.02
-do- Accum	474.00	503.50	+ 2.00	0.02
Intl Growth Inc	262.40	279.20	- 0.60	0.28
Wwide Venture Inc	112.00	119.20	- 0.30	0.28
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	522.30	551.80	- 2.20	2.28
-do- Accum	909.80	954.70	- 3.40	2.28
UK High Inc	253.30	267.80	- 1.10	2.23
-do- Accum	396.50	418.90	- 1.80	2.23
Europe Inc	579.70	612.40	- 6.80	0.35
Nth Amer Inc	399.70	432.80	+ 7.30	..
Global Inc	295.10	311.70	- 1.50	0.16
Global Acc	319.20	337.20	- 1.60	0.16
UK Spec Sits Inc	152.10	160.62	- 0.50	7.02
South East Asia	212.10	224.10	- 4.80	0.36
Cash Trust Inc	101.89	101.90		6.21
UK Smllr Cos Inc	125.60	132.70	- 0.90	1.89
-do- Accum	134.50	142.10	- 0.90	1.89
Intl Bond Inc	88.96	93.49	- 0.10	4.60
International Strat	91.22	96.71	+ 0.10	...
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	195.30	205.60†	+ 4.10	0.09
Nth American	171.30	180.30†	+ 1.30	...
Intl Bond & Conv	131.30	138.70	+ 0.20	6.11
Pooled Pension	271.60	284.40	+ 3.00	1.95
Smaller Cos	120.20	127.60	+ 0.50	1.23
UK General #	194.80	204.80	+ 2.00	2.10
Far Eastern	88.34	94.84	- 1.37	..
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 8826				
Continental	108.40	114.69	+ 1.80	0.82
Global Gwth	91.50	97.20	+ 0.74	1.06
Inv Tst Port	62.97	66.96	+ 0.25	2.25

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Managed	1492.81	1563.42	+ 20.77	1.45
Pref Inc #	108.10	115.00†	+ 1.20	5.67
Smaller Cos	283.40	301.40†	- 0.48	0.58
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	105.00		+ 1.10	4.57
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.71		- 0.01	5.62
Corporate Inc ‡	100.32		+ 0.73	5.78
Tax Pan ‡	118.83		- 3.09	
Aztec ‡	91.07	...	- 0.77	..
Amer Gth Fund ‡	164.30	-	+ 0.09	..
European ‡	195.10		+ 2.61	
Global Bond ‡	89.91		+ 0.20	6.90
Seasonal ‡	54.85		- 0.56	
UK Growth ‡	120.85		+ 1.54	2.56
UK Equity Leaders ‡	87.05		- 0.24	3.89
Investment Trust ‡	129.98		+ 0.53	2.78
The Football Fd ‡	87.61		- 0.20	..
Reserve Roll Up ‡	99.33			
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	535.00	556.50	- 13.90	..
Capital	165.40	175.00†	- 0.70	0.89
Cash	101.99	101.99	+ 0.05	6.43
European	191.70	202.70	- 3.20	0.26
Far Eastern	183.10	193.70	- 3.10	
Growth	192.00	203.10†	- 0.70	1.58
Income #	158.90	166.00	- 0.60	5.05
Magnum	174.10	184.20†	- 0.60	1.26
Smith Secs	608.60	644.10	- 3.90	0.12
Thoroughbred	205.49	217.30†	- 0.70	1.39
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Capital Reserve	58.16	62.16†	+ 0.04	7.09
Ethical	87.29	93.35	+ 0.70	.18
European Growth	97.42	103.30†	+ 1.10	
Income	68.05	72.78	+ 0.37	3.52
Intl Growth	127.70	135.30	+ 0.59	
Managed	107.70	114.10†	+ 0.60	0.38
UK Growth	86.56	92.57†	+ 0.74	1.21
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	52.67	52.94†	- 0.40	1.33
Global Advtg Acc	57.90	58.18	- 0.50	1.33
Income Advtg Inc	41.57	41.78	- 0.30	3.57
Income Advtg Acc	49.89	50.14	- 0.40	3.57
UK Equity Gth Acc	118.30	125.50	- 0.60	1.55
Premier Inc Inc	51.94	52.98	+ 0.10	7.80
Premier Inc Acc	58.08	59.25	+ 0.10	7.80
Managed Acc	72.58	76.94	- 0.60	1.89
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	48.29	51.30	- 0.20	3.94
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	65.57	69.51	- 0.30	3.94
UK Smlr Cos Acc	48.93	51.87	- 0.30	0.49
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	94.58	100.50	- 0.50	1.69
UK Equity Gen Inc	67.19	71.38	- 0.40	1.69
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.45	35.55	+ 0.10	6.38
Ocean Lrg Co Acc	409.50	444.40	- 3.80	1.74
Nth American Acc	73.52	78.12	+ 0.40	0.02
Pacific Basin	45.49	48.34	- 0.60	0.43
European Acc	68.88	73.30	- 1.10	0.12
Japan Acc	25.15	26.73	- 0.30	0.63
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	5.507	5.848		1.60
US Eqts (US$)	4.485	4.792		0.68
Far East Eqts (yen)	273.40	290.40		
FT Europe	192.10	204.00		0.65
FT N Amer (US$)	3.640	3.852		
FT Japan (yen)	275.70	185.50		
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	3.129	3.323		0.93
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	812.30	847.20	+ 7.20	
British #	1472.40	1557.80	+ 11.50	2.78
Emerging Mkts	205.20	218.10	- 0.30	0.42
Euro Gwth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Euro Small Co	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inv Trust Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mngd Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mngd Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Equity	1278.00	1356.00	+ 9.00	1.61
North America	237.70	254.20	+ 1.10	..
Far East	162.80	174.10	- 3.18	..
Wwide Bond	56.45	59.93	- 0.11	4.20
European	179.00	191.40	+ 1.80	0.17
Equity Income #	131.60	140.70	+ 0.90	4.32
Portfolio	131.50	141.00	+ 0.39	1.06
UK Leading Cos	99.38	105.90	+ 1.00	2.08
High Inc Bond	50.84	50.92†	+ 0.05	6.32
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	84.82	90.72†	- 1.24	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Atlantic UT	24.34	25.99	- 0.05	0.99
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	102.79	109.38	+ 0.31	6.68
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	110.56	117.62	+ 0.34	6.68
European	63.90	67.36	+ 0.80	0.38
High Income	40.92	43.54	+ 0.22	3.25
Japan	35.25	37.51	- 0.46	0.01
Managed Assets	165.65	177.40†	+ 0.70	2.14
North American	59.38	63.15	+ 0.54	0.02
Smlr Co's Inc	37.66	40.07	+ 0.12	2.02
Smlr Co's Acc	41.79	44.49	+ 0.14	2.02
UK Growth Inc	76.99	81.91†	+ 0.59	1.76
UK Growth Acc	88.99	94.66	+ 0.69	1.76
UK Income	53.36	57.07	+ 0.34	2.68
Worldwide Gth	49.49	52.84	+ 0.08	0.12
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	63.03	62.05	- 0.94	
Cap Protector Inc	58.14	61.85	+ 0.44	2.40
UK Income Inc	73.09	77.76	+ 0.57	2.65
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	37.75	39.04†	+ 0.13	6.43
Mngd High Yld Inc	104.03	110.67†	+ 0.98	3.83
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	102.31	108.79	+ 0.77	2.41
UK Smaller Cos	42.54	45.26	+ 0.20	2.11
Pacific Gth Port	52.67	56.03	- 0.49	0.56
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	377.26	399.24†	+ 8.65	..
-do- Accum	415.56	439.74†	+ 5.56	
Brit Growth	146.22	154.88	+ 1.77	1.28
-do- Accum	184.35	195.05	+ 2.23	1.28
European	156.57	165.47†	+ 1.00	..
-do- Accum	167.06	176.78†	+ 1.88	..
Extra Income #	242.37	256.48†	- 0.84	4.31
-do- Accum #	465.88	492.91†	- 1.61	4.31
Smaller Cos	98.43	98.86	+ 0.14	1.16
-do- Accum	107.36	113.62	+ 0.16	1.16
General	421.56	446.12†	+ 4.70	1.63
-do- Accum	916.84	970.20†	+ 10.22	1.63
Premier Income	53.27	55.49†	+ 0.15	6.20
-do- Accum	140.10	145.94†	+ 0.40	6.20
Income #	453.45	479.86	+ 5.12	3.23
-do- Accum #	1083.66	1146.82	+ 12.23	3.23
Pacific	388.65	411.27	- 7.80	0.26
-do- Accum	408.37	432.14	- 7.56	0.26
International	734.54	777.29	+ 3.94	0.07
-do- Accum	970.54	1027.13	+ 5.20	0.07
Nat Resources	163.20	172.70	- 0.46	0.08
Sictl Opps	153.07	161.98	+ 1.84	0.81
-do- Accum	202.55	214.34	+ 2.45	0.81
Environmental Inv	98.57	104.30†	+ 0.83	0.79
Selector	86.42	91.45	+ 0.77	1.23
-do- Accum	101.52	107.42	+ 0.90	1.23
High Income #	80.25	84.92	+ 0.98	4.13
-do- Accum #	113.78	120.40	+ 0.98	4.13
Intl Income	64.21	67.95	+ 0.02	4.37
-do- Accum	87.25	92.33	+ 0.03	4.37
Selector Income	75.31	79.69	+ 0.54	3.69
-do- Accum	97.42	103.09	+ 0.70	3.69
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	482.75	508.15†	+ 4.89	2.06
European	95.94	101.51	+ 0.84	1.36
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	277.52	293.68†	+ 0.41	2.00
Glob Growth Acc	325.42	344.35†	+ 0.48	2.00
Glob Balncd Inc	226.75	239.95	- 0.29	3.40
Glob Balncd Acc	279.71	295.97	- 0.36	3.40
Value Tst Inc	173.66	183.76	- 0.08	2.21
Value Tst Acc	196.40	207.84	- 0.10	2.21
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 800 0033				
Capital	105.70	112.49†	+ 1.20	0.47
International	85.18	90.62†		
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	38.05	39.60	- 0.10	6.70
European Growth	411.48	430.88	+ 4.11	0.40
Europa	780.20	824.26†	+ 4.79	2.80
Global Em Mkts	98.65	103.29	- 0.84	0.50
Japan Tst	83.01	86.92	- 1.32	
Little Dragons	127.38	133.39	- 4.10	
Nth Amer Gwth	378.95	396.71	+ 4.42	0.48
Oriental Income #	53.50	56.02	- 0.52	3.30
Preference	139.97	148.58	+ 0.18	8.19
Tiger	305.08	319.45	- 8.14	..
UK Blue Chip	96.97	101.53	+ 0.88	1.37
UK Growth	784.82	821.59	+ 7.12	0.80
UK High Yield #	134.10	140.41†	+ 1.03	4.90
UK Mid-Cap	367.38	384.68	+ 1.01	1.50
UK Smllr Cos	138.51	145.03	+ 0.24	0.78
UK Smll Cos Div #	88.92	93.10†	- 0.88	3.90
THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	340.10	363.50	+ 4.40	2.75
Capital	587.80	627.40	+ 7.80	1.08
Balanced	985.70	1053.00	+ 13.00	2.32
Accumulator	1933.00	2068.00	+ 25.00	1.59
Income Trusts				
American Income	80.13	85.290†	+ 0.66	1.06
High Income	357.10	385.50	+ 5.90	3.58
Equity Income	311.10	332.40†	+ 3.20	3.34
High Yield	335.60	358.90	+ 3.80	3.52
Gilt Securities	38.30	38.920†	+ 0.06	5.42
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	276.40	294.20	+ 3.20	0.04
European Growth	69.65	74.370	+ 1.61	0.05
International	218.60	233.50	+ 1.40	0.06
Japan	185.90	198.70	- 1.10	
Pacific	420.80	449.60	- 6.70	
Secs of America	732.20	778.90	+ 9.10	0.16
Wwide Asset Val	61.36	65.530	+ 0.43	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	773.10	826.40	+ 9.80	1.02
Conv & Gilt	55.47	59.280†	+ 0.17	3.51
Smaller Cos	206.20	229.40	+ 1.80	1.00
2nd Smaller Cos	194.90	208.30	+ 1.90	0.75
Recovery	198.20	209.30	+ 2.30	1.10
Mid Mkt & Cptly	152.20	163.80	+ 1.30	0.10
Overs Earnings	505.10	539.90	+ 6.30	0.98
Technology	275.60	294.70	+ 3.30	..
UK Special Sits	681.90	728.80	+ 7.30	1.47
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Eq Inc Acc #	392.84	417.91	+ 2.86	3.84
UK Equity Gwth	430.29	457.78†	+ 4.18	1.33
European	219.45	233.46†	+ 3.30	0.56
Nth American	108.65	115.60	+ 1.11	0.16
Far Eastern	82.31	87.78	- 1.46	0.02
Money	74.29	74.29	+ 0.01	4.92
Fixed Interest #	85.70	91.04	+ 0.12	7.50
Index Linked Gilt	75.47	81.11	+ 0.04	1.12
VIRGIN DIRECT PPS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	108.76	108.78†	- 0.84	6.18
Pens Growth	127.09	127.09†		
Pens Inc Protct	107.48	107.48†		
UK Index Tracking @	157.20	157.28†	+ 2.00	2.40
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	18.53	19.93†	- 0.42	
Pacific Basin	39.22	41.28	- 0.71	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9204	0.9587	- 0.0006	
Penny Share	44.94	47.30	+ 0.12	
Japan Smlr Cos	35.27	37.13	- 0.41	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	128.60	130.00		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8055	0.8140	+ 0.001	
Gilt Income	52.05	52.86	+ 0.03	6.50
Gilt Growth	82.57	83.88	+ 0.07	
Sterling Bond	49.66	50.69†	+ 0.06	6.87
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	65.27	69.35	+ 0.58	1.75
UK Stockmarket	120.50	128.20		
Corporate Bd Inc	50.53	50.84	+ 0.04	6.20
Do Accum	53.46	53.80	+ 0.04	6.20

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

Equities recover lost ground

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	407½	Allied Domecq	478½	+11	5.7	14.4
626	419	Balmer (HP)†	422½	+1	4.3	31.8
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	43½		9.8	10.8
1040	885	Glenmorangie A	975	+20	1.7	24.1
631	425½	Grand Met	585½	-1½	3.2	18.0
627	424	Guinness	577½	..	3.5	16.5
390	307½	Highland Dist	324	-1	3.2	15.2
336	232	Matthew Clark	235	+1½	12.8	7.0
109½	52½	Merydew Wt	60½		8.4	14.9
2009½	1462½	SA Breweries	1866½	+18½	2.0	..

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521½	918½	ABN-AMRO	1481½	+87½	2.1	21.3
971	710	Abbey Natl	814½	+19½	4.2	13.3
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	616	-1	3.3	14.3
563	388½	Allied Irish	531	-5½	3.4	19.1
498½	363½	Aus New Z	459½	+4½	4.1	...
4671½	2875	Bank America	4259½	+131½	..	
452	281½	Bank Scotland	424½	+15	2.4	12.9
1462	978½	Barclays†	1393½	+11	3.0	13.2
764	517½	Bk of Ireland	715½	-4	2.8	15.0
8828½	6006½	Citicorp	8548½	+78½		
1759½	1268½	Commerzbk	1643½	-8½	2.8	..
852½	556½	Dai Ichi Kan Y.	787½	+12½	0.6	..
4321½	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3818½	+18½	1.6	..
1300	758½	Espirito Santo	1259½	-12½	3.0	..
947½	504½	Fuji Bank Y	828½	-10	9.5	
2369½	1272½	HSBC†	2178½	+79½	2.6	17.6
2258½	1241	HSBC HK†	2095	+85	2.7	17.0
783	701½	Halifax	791½	+12	2.5	21.8
610	488½	Irish Perm	604		2.7	
793½	424	Lloyds TSB†	748	+29	2.4	21.8
912½	668½	Nat Aust Bk	873	+3½	4.7	11.8
896½	663½	Nat West†	794½	+12½	4.7	12.5
665	508	Ryl Bk Scot	598½	+2½	4.1	12.9
1093½	681	Stand Chart†	1044	+47½	1.9	18.2
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½	...	2.0	...
397½	315½	Westpac	379½	-2½	4.1	
373½	284	Woolwich	296½	+6½	3.4	17.4

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
494	387½	Electrocomponents†	490	..	2.0	27.6
226½	117½	Eurodis Elec	129½		5.0	
97½	79½	European Mrt	91½		7.7	8.1
270	212	Evans Halshaw	265		7.8	
53½	39½	Fife Indmar	41½	...	6.9	8.3
397½	312½	Flextl. Grp	318½		2.6	16.2
34½	24½	Gardiner	25	-½	4.8	9.1
79½	57½	[illegible]	68½	+1	2.9	11.0
110	82½	Gowrings	106		3.5	24.1
15½	11	HR Owen	13½		6.1	12.2
103	20½	Hamlet#	27½			2.1
287½	232½	Hess (Philip)†	240		5.2	9.3
330	284½	Headlam	320	+3½	2.3	21.1
165	145	Holders Tech†	165		4.9	13.5
240½	155½	ISA Intl	155½	-1	2.4	12.1
308½	240½	Inchcape	285½		4.6	17.5
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	64½		4.4	10.0
311	214½	Kwik-Fit	305½		2.3	21.9
480½	316½	Lex Service†	448	+1½	4.6	13.4
122	100	Lookers†	102		9.8	7.3
9	5½	Middlesex†	7½		1.7	12.7
41½	10½	[illegible]	16	...	3.8	3.3
472	189	[illegible]	243		4.4	8.2
169½	114½	[illegible]	122	+5½	1.4	7.3
352½	305½	[illegible]	338½	+6	3.0	17.8
404½	280½	Pendragon†	375½		4.8	11.8
229½	172½	Perry Gp	180	+7½	6.5	7.8
751	448	Premier Farnell	545½	-2	2.7	20.2
152½	122½	Quicks Group	122½	...	7.1	8.3
357	307½	REA†	348½		1.4	43.0
						50.2
2½	1½	[illegible]	1½			
28	12½	[illegible]	17	-1	1.8	
4	1½	Ross Gp	2½			
108½	78½	[illegible]	86½		5.8	15.5
38	24	SEP Intl	30½		6.4	13.9
92½	30	[illegible]	37½		4.0	
415½	283½	[illegible] Products	294		5.3	10.9
337	228	UMECO†	312	+1	2.2	20.3
86½	68	United [illegible] Gp	80			17.3
352½	287½	Vardy (Reg)	284	+3½	3.4	13.3
685	498½	[illegible]	617	-1½	3.1	..
41	25½	Wilshaw	28		3.9	
172½	111½	Wyko	148½	+3	2.6	..
155½	118½	Young (H)	154½	-½	3.5	13.1

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass	858	-1	3.8	15.7
68½	43½	[illegible]	49		4.7	
205	142½	Burtonwood Brwy	152½	-1	4.9	14.2
155½	121½	City Centre Rest	138½	+½	2.3	21.5
744½	596	Compass Grp†	627½	-3	1.8	23.0
305	250	Eldridge P 'A'	288½		2.4	15.9
485	420	[illegible] 'A'	420	-5	3.0	14.8
586	422½	Greenalls Grp	489	-1	4.1	12.2
770	642	Greene King†	698½	+1½	3.0	18.9
237½	152½	Grosvenor Inns	152½	-2½	5.3	
285	218½	Groupe Chez Ger	253		1.4	28.0
288½	261	Hardy Hanson	271½		5.1	12.1
2850	2700	Hall J	2712½		2.7	16.8
78	63	Inn Business	68½	+1½	3.1	10.5
357	327	Mansfield	329		2.7	14.3
315½	252	[illegible]	275	+½	3.6	9.5
615	512½	Morland	512½		3.2	13.2
286½	210	Old Eng Pub	286½	...	0.9	33.9
47½	26½	Paramount	29			
820½	527½	PizzaExpress	682½	+3½	0.6	44.5
437½	337½	Ramsdens (H)†	372½	-2½	1.7	33.0
378½	262½	Regent Inns	301½	+6½	1.1	28.8
769½	627	Scot & Newc†	762	+7	3.5	16.3
256½	248½	Vaux Group	256	+4	4.5	13.3
1392½	1105	Wetherspoon JD	1387½	+2½	0.8	31.0
863	738½	Whitbread	828½	+2	3.6	15.2
706½	576	Wolverhampton D	577½	...	3.8	12.6
356½	279½	Yates Bros▼	352		1.8	28.2
702½	615	Young 'A'	697½	...	2.7	27.4

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
498½	327½	Antofagasta	389	-3½	1.6	21.0
328	232	Ascot Hldgs	274	...	2.4	45.7
917	784½	Broken Hill	788½	+4	3.0	18.7
288	190½	BTR	237½	+6½	5.3	9.8
601½	462	BAT†	510	-3½	6.4	10.9
60½	52	[illegible]	54½	+1	8.7	9.0
266	182	Cookson	261½	-½	4.3	16.2
229½	187½	Cosalt	198		6.5	8.6
399½	255½	DCC	389	+1½	2.2	14.5
312½	243½	Gallaher	301	+17	8.0	11.5
141	115½	Grampian Hldgs	134½	+4	5.6	11.7
149½	101½	[illegible]	112	+½	10.0	18.6
687½	429½	Hutch Whamp	605	-10½	1.7	24.6
498½	382	Imperial Tob	387	+2	6.3	8.0
512½	331	Jardine Math	432½	+7½	3.6	
158½	118½	Lonrho†	123	+½	4.8	12.8
175½	141½	McLeod Russel	143		6.0	11.4
457½	385½	Powell Duffryn†	429½		7.4	12.0
197½	153½	Staveley	174	+½	6.5	15.1
604½	448½	Swire Pacific	527	+2½	2.7	
397½	327½	TT Group	388½	+8	2.4	17.1
335½	252½	Tomkins†	327½	-½	3.8	
210	165	[illegible]	282½	-2½	8.0	10.5
498	370	Wardle Storeys	372½		6.5	13.9
387½	285½	Wassall	311½	-2	2.4	19.1
166½	122½	Whitecroft	129½		5.1	17.9
365½	284½	Williams	362½	+1	5.2	15.3

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
140	97	Adwest	109		8.9	15.3
197	178	Airflow Stream	179		5.6	11.4
757	565	Avon Rubber	624		4.8	12.9
285	227½	Bostrom	275		3.2	11.8
109	96	[illegible]	108½	+½	4.1	14.9
775	657½	First Tech	775	+2½	1.6	
1286½	907	GKN†	1237½	-26	2.6	
4012½	3237½	General Mtr	3340½	+125	3.2	
583½	415	Henlys	435	+1	4.3	10.3
2072	1540½	Honda Motor	1925½	-42½	0.4	
413½	312½	Laird	405	-1½	4.0	21.6
228	180	LucasVarity	200	-2½	3.4	20.1
176½	131	Mayflower	171	-4	1.8	24.1
172½	127½	Syltone	157½		5.2	11.2
178	123	T & N	146½	-1½	5.1	
85½	32½	Toad	32½	-1		
339½	238½	[illegible]	271½	-1	4.1	12.2

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
577	454	AB Food†	505	-11	2.4	16.8
311½	271½	Acatos & Hutch	296	-1½	4.4	[illegible]
48½	34	Albert Fisher	39½	-½	11.8	9.4
320	275	Banks (S C)	297½		5.0	10.5
414	322	Barr (AG)†	392½		3.4	14.1
43	30	[illegible]	33½	-½	4.7	7.5
402	244	Booker	315½	-1	9.4	
62½	20½	Borthwick	61½		2.6	33.2
220	80	CPL Aromas	121		5.0	[illegible]
627½	464	Cadbury-Schw	597½	-4½	3.4	[illegible]
335	280	Carrs Milling	300		4.6	9.9
81½	57½	[illegible]	63½		9.0	[illegible]
267½	203½	Cranswick	244½		5.2	[illegible]
267½	195½	Dairy Crest Group	266½		4.8	11.9

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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.24	7.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]		13.33	7.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.25	7.07
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]		11.35	7.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.21	7.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.38	7.12
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]		6.11	6.98
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.63	7.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.79	7.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.25	7.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.30	7.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.30	7.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]		7.01	7.06
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.00	6.99
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]		8.78	7.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]		7.66	7.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.76	7.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]		10.13	7.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.05	5.99
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]		6.85	7.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]		7.80	7.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]		8.22	7.07
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]		9.86	7.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7½% 2006	[illegible]		7.27	7.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.42	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.75	7.11
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 2007	[illegible]		7.12	7.00
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]		7.42	7.03
LONGS (over 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	..	6.71	7.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]		7.69	7.05
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.30	7.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	[illegible]		7.24	6.97
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.32	7.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tr 8% 2021	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.13	6.94
UNDATED						
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]		7.02	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.17	
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INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of					10%	5%
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.83
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]		3.37	3.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]		3.36	3.51

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
212½	166½	Alexon	197½	-1		13.5
228½	174½	Allders†	220½	-1½	4.4	40.1
330	200½	Allied Carpets	259½		1.7	
768½	538½	Argos	629½	-7	3.4	19.0
169	49	Ashley (Laura)	55½	-1	2.3	14.5
256½	200½	Austin Reed	220	+½	3.7	15.4
157½	141½	Beattie (J)	150½	-1	6.3	12.4
161½	121½	[illegible]	157½	-1½	2.4	23.1
123½	81	[illegible]	89		4.9	11.7
552	366½	Blacks Leis	425	-2½	1.2	17.7
208½	148½	Body Shop	153		3.8	15.6
941	597½	Boots†	802½	-11	3.2	20.0
19½	11½	Brown & Jackson	17	-½		
449½	375	Brown (N)	410		2.1	24.1
162½	113½	Burton	128½	-1½	3.0	14.8
624½	434½	Carpetright	637½	-16	4.5	18.7
323½	221½	Christies Int	301½	-1	2.0	25.6
550	405	Church	405		4.9	12.8
[illegible]	53½	Clinton Cards	89		2.9	14.0
122½	65	Cnty Casuals	109½		1.3	
597½	517½	Courts Furnish	557½	-16½	0.8	23.4
656	502½	DFS Furniture	613	-1	2.2	28.0
622½	462	Dixons Grp†	621½	+12	2.1	20.3
58½	19½	Elec Boutique	34½	+½		
6	3½	ERP Gp	3½		3.0	
103½	59½	Essex Furn	70		5.4	14.2
137	102½	Etam	103½	-1½	1.5	
313½	237½	Fine Art Dev	306½		6.7	15.1
236½	112½	Fired Earth	236½		1.2	26.7
406	177½	[illegible]	376½	-6	1.5	19.5
149½	70½	[illegible]	114½	+2	2.8	
345	267	French Conn	310		1.1	16.9
63½	46½	[illegible]	48½		3.9	
404½	324½	Goldsmiths Gp	370½	+13	2.4	19.4
706½	579	GUS	645	+8½	3.6	16.9
313½	231½	H&C Furnishing	251½		2.0	29.8
401½	239	Hamleys	268½	-9	3.4	14.5
87½	59½	Hampden Grp	78½		3.8	10.8
196	136	Hse of Fraser	129	-1½	5.6	
96½	70½	Hughes (TJ)	65½		2.1	14.6
532	268	JJB Sports	473½	-12	1.2	31.3
763	622½	Kingfisher	734½	-17½	3.2	17.6
309½	117	Kingsbury Grp	151	-1	3.1	11.5
387½	317½	Liberty	317½		0.7	
200	48½	Limelight	72½			38.9

WATER

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
811	577½	Anglian†	762½	-6	5.6	[illegible]
375	[illegible]	East Surrey	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]
981½	740	Hyder†	939½	-6	6.5	7.1
111½	101½	Hyder Cnv Pf	103½	-½	9.1	
640	532½	Mid Kent Hlgs	595		[illegible]	11.5
914½	563	Severn Trent	850½	-4	5.6	[illegible]
2920	2755	South Staffs	2835		[illegible]	[illegible]
826	596½	South West	761½	-10	5.0	9.4
818½	595½	Thames†	732	+½	5.4	[illegible]
789	605½	Utd Utilities†	706	-½	6.6	11.9
501	344½	Wessex†	477½	-1	4.7	9.1
465½	375	Yorkshire†	429	7½	5.4	9.1

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115½	84½	Abacus Recruit	105½		0.6	21.2
215	170	Cafe Inns▼	197½		2.0	17.6
230	153	Country Gdns	190	+6½	1.1	[illegible]
267½	190	Dawson Hldgs	215		2.8	20.7
51½	22½	Freepages	35	-1		
95½	75	[illegible]	90½		0.3	
65	22½	[illegible]	39	+1½		
590	280	Prism Rail	505			
1265	945	[illegible]	1156	-2½	0.1	
785	619½	Southern News	747		3.1	24.2
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	67½		3.9	
510	410	Sussex Fr Inns	495		0.7	..
69½	17½	Trocadero†	27½			

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. ◊ Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

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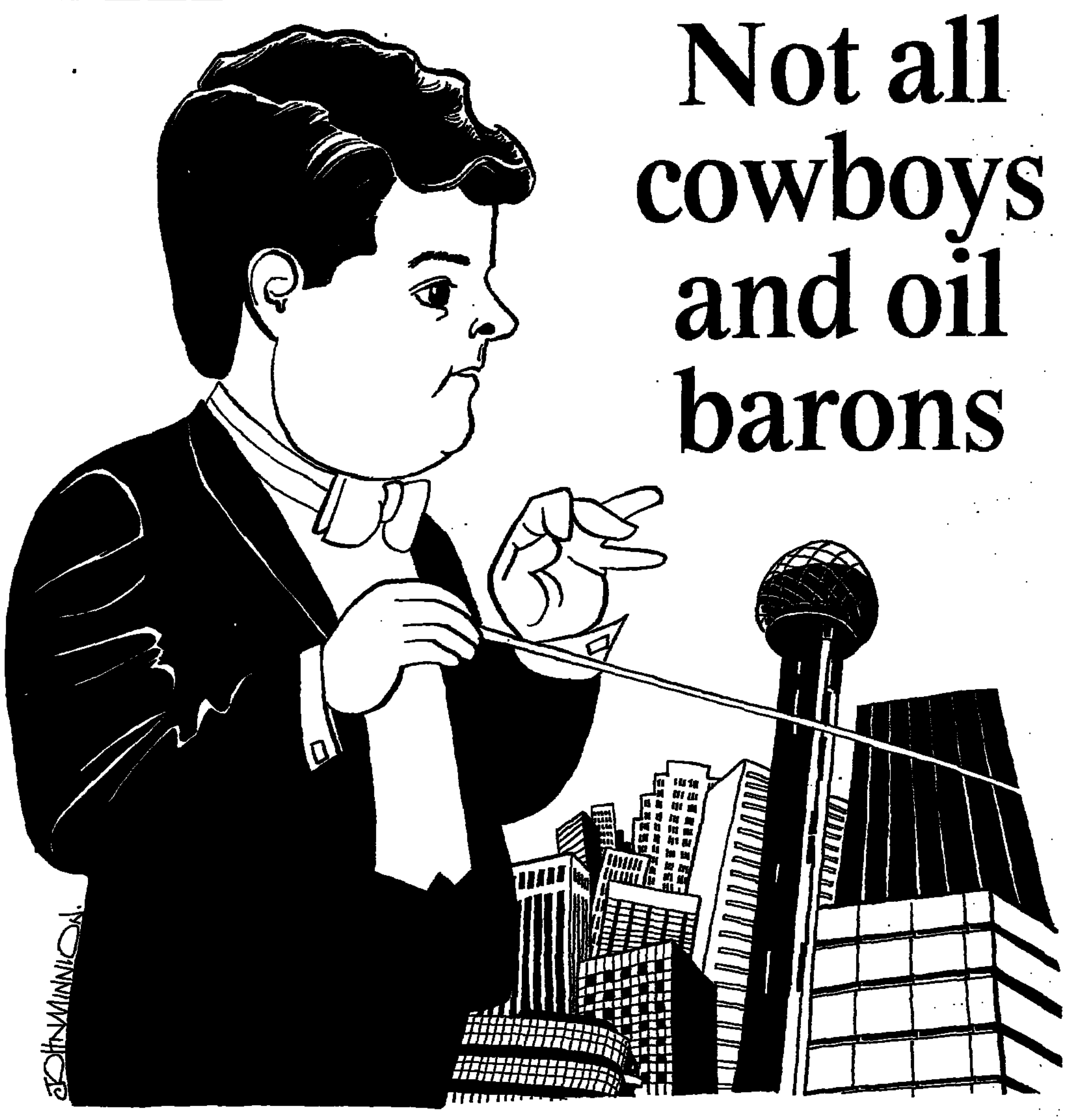


Not all cowboys and oil barons

Dallas has set about building itself a world-class orchestra, and the results can be judged at the Proms in London this weekend. **Richard Morrison** reports

In some towns you can smell the ambition. Dallas is such a place. Its improbably skewed skyscrapers are more ostentatious than you find anywhere else; its entrepreneurs hungrier for the deal; its mansions more palatial; its football team the costliest in America; its can-do bravado exuberant even by Texan standards.

Perhaps there is something a bit pathological about the place, as though a strenuous demonstration of corporate America at its most dazzling will somehow expunge all memory of one black day in November 1963. But whatever makes Dallas tick, it ticks loud and clear.

So when the city decided to pick up its venerable orchestra and hurl it into the musical superleague, there was no doubt in anybody's mind (at least in north Texas) that the name of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra would soon be up there with New York, Chicago and Boston. Has it arrived yet? That may be judged at the Proms on Sunday night, when the Dallas Symphony performs American music and Tchaikovsky under the direction of Andrew Litton (left), the young American appointed as its music director three years ago. But if bags of money, determination and civic pride count for anything, Dallas could soon top the league.

Its financial circumstances are already enough to turn any British orchestral manager green with envy. In the late 1980s, backed by nearly $100 million of corporate, private and city money, Dallas engaged one of the world's most expensive architects, I.M. Pei (of Louvre pyramid fame), to build a concert hall that would astound the world. The gamble paid off: Pei's extraordinary creation, with its eye-popping dome, vast foyers of the purest Italian marble, showboat-style interior and revolutionary acoustic design (by Russell Johnson, who would later do the same for Birmingham), became a nightly showcase for smart Dallas society.

Ticket sales soared. Dallas has now completed its eighth sucessive sold-out season. It is one of only five American orchestras currently operating without a deficit. "Our marketing manager has just been in London to advise your Royal Opera House," says Eugene Bonelli, the orchestra's president, with only the merest trace of glee.

But ticket sales are only the half of it. Private and corporate giving on a truly Texan scale brings the orchestra a further $6 million a year. Social events run by a committee of rich ladies add $1 million annually.

That level of fundraising has enabled the orchestra to take a bold step: rather than waiting for the culturally apathetic TV networks to broadcast orchestral concerts, the Dallas Symphony is financing and filming its own series of music programmes aimed at children. These are then passed on to TV stations for broadcast.

Now there is a drive to take the orchestra's endowment fund, currently $45 million, up to $100 million by the centenary season in 2000, in order to attract the best players on top salaries. That eye-popping figure won't be the biggest in America. The Boston Symphony has an astonishing $130 million stashed away. But no orchestra has accelerated quicker from small-town band to international status. "Dallas is a wealthy city, and people here see investment in their orchestra as very important to the city's image, and hence to its future wealth," Bonelli says.

The biggest change in Dallas's life, however, has been the arrival of Litton as music director. He was just 34 when he came and still looks like a puppyish high-school student. The appointment was risky and surprising. Even today, most big American orchestras seem to feel that they ought to hire ancient central European maestros with thick accents and dictatorial manners.

> ❛ If civic pride counts at all, Dallas will soon top the musical league ❜

Moreover, Litton, though a Juilliard-educated New Yorker, was hardly rated in his native land, having spent six years getting to know the delights of south-west England as conductor of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. But after no fewer than 21 conductors were auditioned by the Dallas orchestra, he got the nod — and, presumably, a salary hike of impressive proportions from his take-home pay as maestro of Dorset. And he has been a massive success in Dallas. "The city has taken him to its heart," Bonelli says.

His style — warm, urbane, romantic — must have come as a shock after his authoritarian predecessor, the Mexican Eduardo Mata. "There are basically two types of conductor," Litton says candidly. "Control freaks, and people who want the music to come out naturally. I am one of the latter; I like working with professionals who will help to evolve the interpretation. I like interaction; that's why I enjoy jazz. My predecessor, however, was very much into control. So I have been getting the players to come out of their shells."

He has also changed the orchestra's repertoire. An English-music festival is one project; another is a complete cycle of Mahler's symphonies, including the gigantic Eighth in 2000 as a climax to the orchestra's centenary.

"That would be an ironic twist of fate for me," Litton says. "When I was in England we were going to do Mahler's Eighth for the Bournemouth orchestra's centenary, but the funding was withdrawn by the local council, who felt we should be doing English music! So, like Scarlett O'Hara on the cart at the end of Part One of *Gone With the Wind*, I vowed that this would never happen to me again."

Will the Eighth bring Litton's Mahler cycle to a close? "Possibly," he says. "I said that I would wait until I was 40 before conducting the Ninth: you should have lived some before attempting that piece. Well, I turn 40 in May 1999, so there is time to slot it in before 2000."

Litton took something else from his English years that might profoundly affect musical life in Dallas: a generous appreciation of Simon Rattle's achievement in Birmingham. "Like Dallas, Birmingham was a place that really tried hard to build up a cultural life. Such places have an energy that is missing in more established set-ups. While the London crowd was sitting around thinking 'business as usual', Rattle showed that a long-lasting monogamous relationship between one conductor and one orchestra can build up something really special, even in the most unlikely place."

Can Litton pull off the same trick in Dallas? Certainly, the Mahler Two that I heard him conduct in Dallas a few months ago was an electrifying mixture of passion, power and precision. The question is whether the genial Litton quite has the ruthless streak that all top conductors occasionally need.

But the progress so far has been encouraging. Litton only wishes that more American critics acknowledged the success story. "The press here has fostered such pessimism about classical music. When you read in *The New York Times*, on five consecutive Sundays, articles about how the death knell has sounded for symphony orchestras, you feel like shouting: 'Hey, tell the readers the good news too!' In Dallas, we're winning. But nobody ever mentions that."

● *The Dallas Symphony performs Roy Harris, Samuel Barber and Tchaikovsky at the Proms on Sunday at 7.30pm (Albert Hall, 0171-589 8212; also broadcast live on BBC2 and Radio 3). It then visits Waterfront Hall, Belfast (Aug 31), National Concert Hall, Dublin (Sept 1) and Symphony Hall, Birmingham (Sept 3)*

A Russian bear fight

BBC PROMS

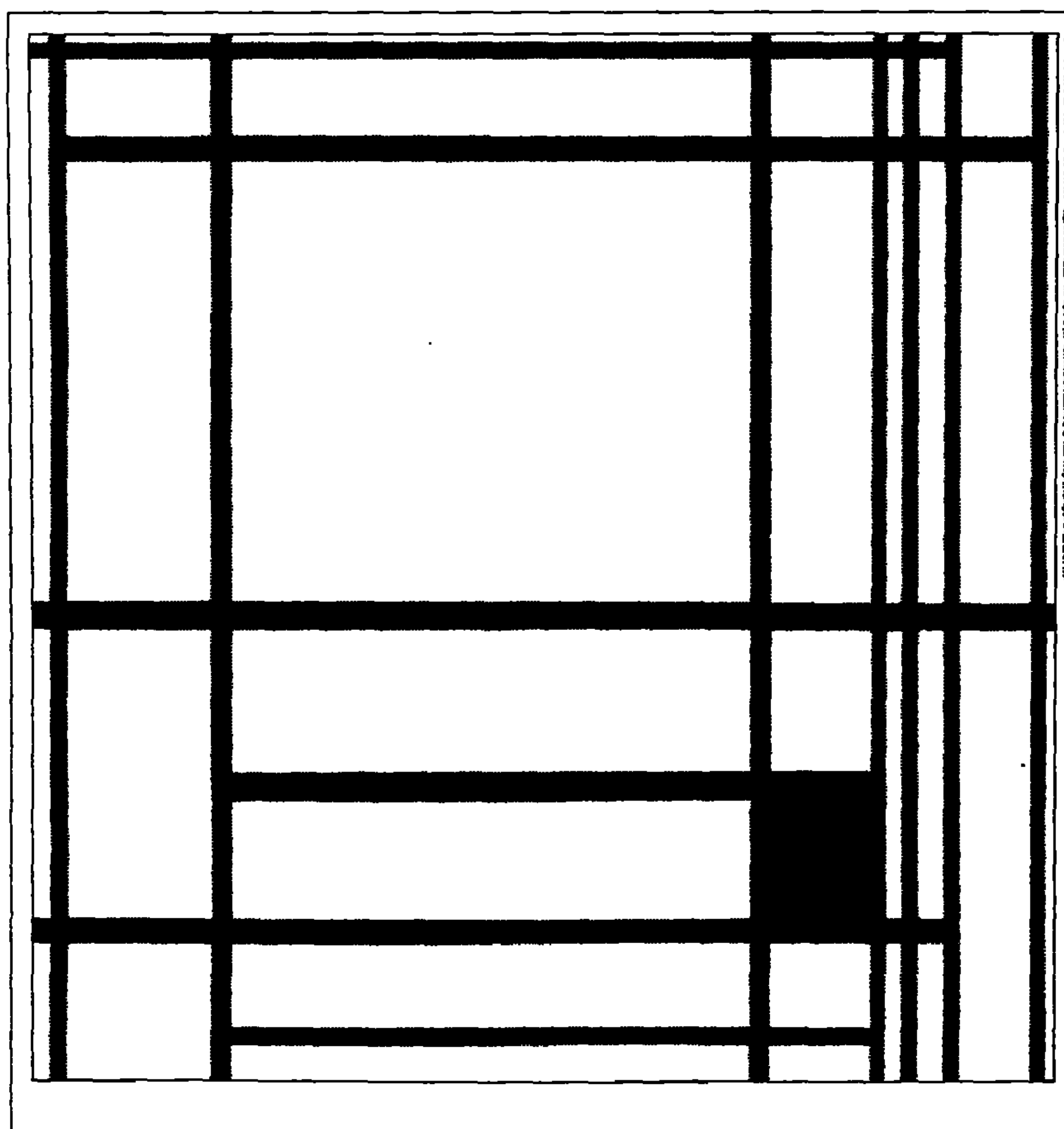
TCHAIKOVSKY said of Glinka's *Karaminskaya*, which opened this Prom, that it was the acorn from which the whole Russian symphonic school grew. It is an extraordinarily condensed premonition: the elision of two folk tunes repeated across different, dazzling orchestrations culminating in persistent ostinati that would find their most thrilling echo in Stravinsky's *Rite*. In Tchaikovsky's own First Piano Concerto, which followed, we hear Glinka again, not just in the tripping Ukrainian folk tune but in the surging melancholy.

Glinka brought such "Russianness" firmly into the European tradition. But when it comes to bringing Russianness out in a performance, **Osmo Vänskä** and the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** were sharing the Albert Hall platform with strong competition, in the bear-like shape of **Grigory Sokolov**. And from the moment Sokolov hit the keys running, the orchestra paled beside him. Vänskä seemed curiously intent on refining his reading, with self-conscious pianissimos verging on the timorous. The result was that Sokolov, whose own palette is richly orchestral, almost drowned them out. Sokolov is a mature artist with a fearsome energy to unleash; and by the finale he seemed to have become impatient with the orchestra, and hurled towards the end with increasing petulance.

Vänskä's sense of restraint was channelled to better effect in Shostokovich's First Symphony. The first movement, if slack, can sound like a comic steeplechase, but Vänskä's tight grip gave it urgency.

As devolution looms, it was an opportune moment to dwell on the impassioned words of the Pict Calgacus against the Imperial Romans, subject of Edward McGuire's *Calgacus*. His eloquent speech is here transformed into a rousing bagpipe melody, played by Robert Wallace as he strode down the stalls steps. For this climactic moment, strings provided a drone and drums a dramatic commentary. This is a piece of great originality which has not dated in 20 years.

HELEN WALLACE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Friends share a new Dutch treat

Barry Millington welcomes the chamber music festival at Delft

MUSIC festivals proliferate in summer like poppies in a cornfield, and some may ask whether we really need a new one like Isabelle van Keulen's at Delft. In fact, this is a new type of festival that has sprung up in recent years — obvious models are Kuhmo in Finland, Gidon Kremer's Lockenhaus in Austria and Leif Ove Andsnes's Risor in Norway — precisely as an antidote to the international circus of Edinburgh, Salzburg and the rest.

Van Keulen has persuaded a group of friends — artists of the calibre of the Vogler Quartet, clarinettist Michael Collins, trumpeter Håkan Hardenberger, as well as Kremer and Andsnes themselves — to come to the historic city of Delft and play together for next to nothing. In return, they can investigate repertoire they might not elsewhere and they get a substantial, receptive audience. The venue is the courtyard of the Prinsenhof Museum, specially converted with a steel and glass roof, and the acoustics are excellent, encouraging a quality of listening rare on the festival circuit.

This is all the more remarkable given the challenging nature of the programming. Stravinsky and the equally uncompromising Swedish composer Allan Pettersson — a rugged, powerful individualist — loomed large in this first year; there was also bracing percussion music from Xenakis and the Dutchman Sytze Smit, alongside works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Schubert.

Of the two world premieres, Smit's *Songs and Games* was the more worthwhile. Six percussionists, led by the excellent Peter Sadlo, engaged in lyrical and lucid dialogue with a pro-active, solo violin (Van Keulen), the latter rhapsodising freely but constantly initiating new phases. A passage for vibraphone and marimba had an especially evocative quality, but it was Van Keulen's climactic stroke on the tam-tam that crystallised the theatrical impulse behind the work.

The other world premiere was by Mendelssohn — Vladimir Mendelssohn, that is: a member of Van Keulen's Isos Quartet. The jocular title of *2 Caprices No 3* gives notice of a black, heavy-handed humour in which an uneasy marriage of classical and modernist harmony results in a pretentious mish-mash.

More rewarding was Hardenberger's collaboration with the poet Jacques Werup in *Homage to Life*, in which solo trumpet pieces by Takemitsu, Kagel and others were delivered with this player's incomparable mastery of sonority and technique. Elsewhere, Michael Collins made several outstanding contributions and there were innumerable fresh, invigorating performances of more standard repertoire works too.

No highly paid arts consultant would have dreamt up such a recipe, but at a stroke Delft has established both an identity and an audience. Highly impressive and all profoundly encouraging.

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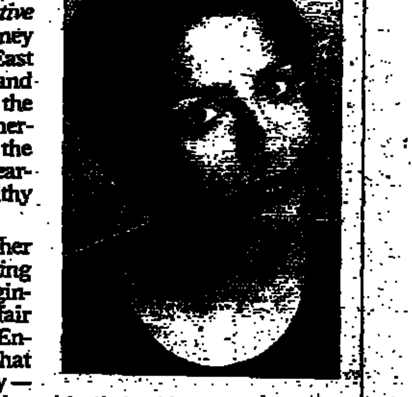
Rising stars in the arts firmament

ASHA KAHLON



Age: 28.

Profession: Actress.

African summer: *My Native Land*, a new play by Rodney Clark set in British East Africa between 1936 and 1940, opens tomorrow at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith, with Kahlon in the lead as Poppy, the 19-year-old daughter of a wealthy Indian businessman.

Synopsis? Poppy defies her father's wishes by becoming a schoolteacher and beginning an inter-racial affair with a working-class Englishman. "I think at that age I was quite like Poppy — very independent and with an idealistic view of the world."

Happy return: Appearing at the Lyric will bring extra satisfaction because she has already spent hundreds of hours there — working as a waitress to pay the rent during her final year at LAMDA. "I would always look jealously at the actors coming in and out of the Lyric, wonder what it was like for them as performers and wish it was me."

Background: Born in Punjab, she came to London with her family at the age of six. "I didn't speak a word of English, but was still young enough that learning a new language from scratch at school was not a problem."

First stage appearance? Durdans Park Middle School, Southall. "A wonderful teacher called Peter Smith would get us to act out little scenes for his assembly talks. I was hooked."

Training: In her late teens, the student groups run by Questors Theatre in Ealing were "the real doorway" to acting. Unable to secure a maintenance grant for a drama course she spent three years working to save money, first as a clerk with Ealing council, then as a nanny.

Does race make a difference? "When I finally went to LAMDA, I was the only Asian out of 32 students in my year. That made me look around and think about what my position in this profession might be. My first job after graduating was in a production of *Macbeth* at the Tricycle Theatre which used colour-blind casting. That gave me confidence."

Short-term forecast: "There's a strong crop of Asian writers emerging at the moment, people like Ayub Khan-Din, Parv Bansali and Ravi Kapoor, which will mean more diverse stage roles for Asian actors. Whatever the part or play, I just want to be working. That's the best feeling."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

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For too long Hollywood has ruled the science fiction roost. Now, **Sheila Johnston** reports, the old empire is striking back

Close encounters of the Euro kind

When Luc Besson's *The Fifth Element* opened the Cannes Film Festival in May, the trade publication *Variety* described it, huffily, as "a largely European attempt to make an American-style sci-fi spectacular". Critics on both sides of the Atlantic had the same view: since the blockbusting space operas of the 1970s, America has colonised the science fiction genre, and woe to anyone who dares to trespass. Weeks later, the success of *The Fifth Element* in America indicated that it could be time to think again. Europeans are venturing back into the galaxy.

This week sees the opening of *Event Horizon*, a slab of Gothic horror in deep space from the British director Paul Anderson. The Spanish director Guillermo Del Toro will have his new horror-fantasy, *Mimic*, at the Venice Film Festival next month, while Gabriele Salvatores's *Nirvana* has been a commercial hit in its native Italy, launching a small crowd of local imitators.

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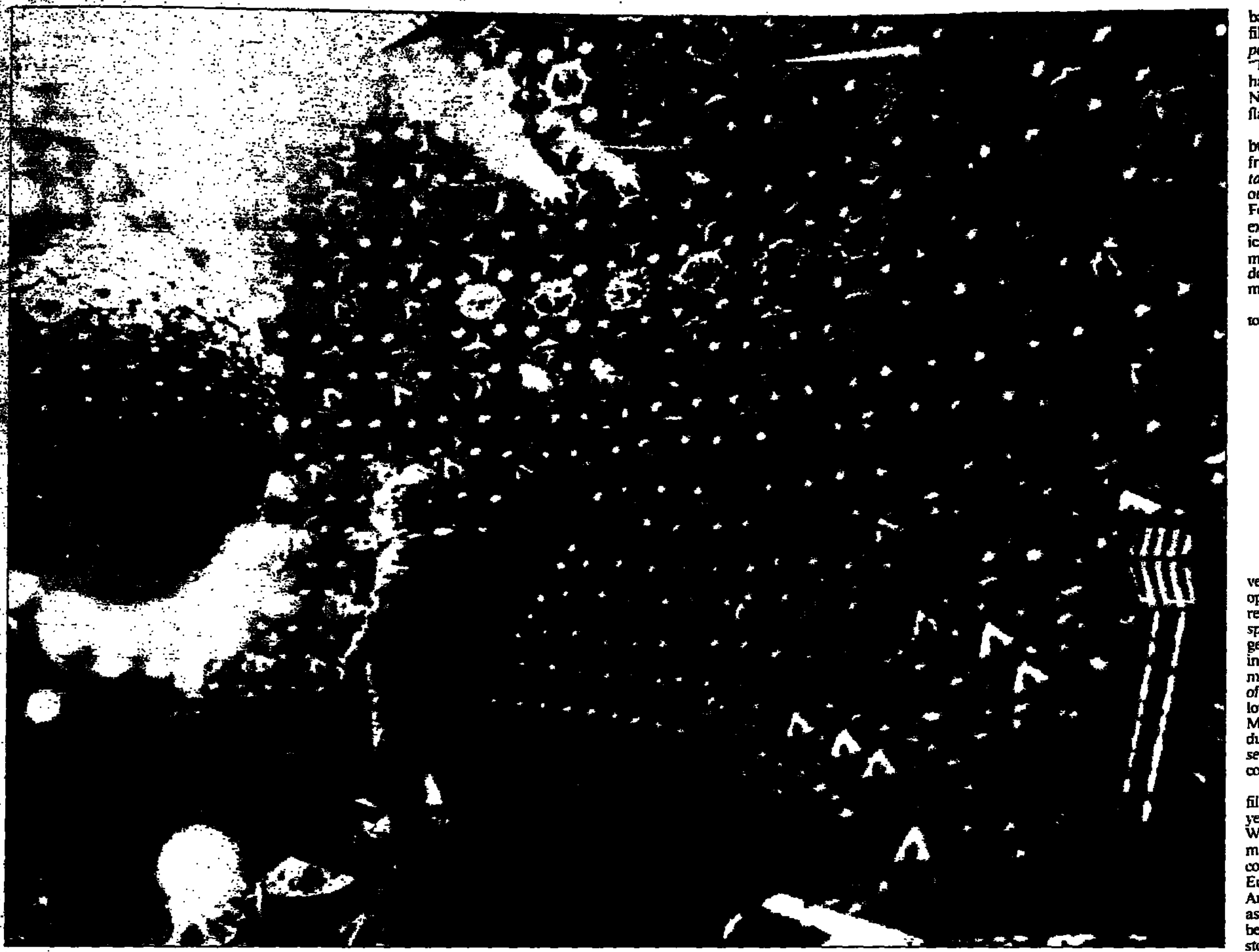
The story of a video-game player (Christopher Lambert) struggling to escape his destiny, *Nirvana* is a dramatic departure for its director-producer team, Salvatores and Maurizio Totti: their most notable previous hit was *Mediterraneo*, a gentle comedy about a platoon of Italian soldiers on a Greek island during the Second World War, which won the Best Foreign Film Oscar in 1992.

Nirvana marks the first time that Totti has sold a film to America which was not a traditional art movie. "Audiences expect Italians to make comedies with big tits, tomatoes and mandolins," he says. "But why shouldn't we make science fiction? People aren't surprised that Martin Scorsese is making a film about the Buddha."

Observers agree that this new strain of European futurism differs sharply from the American. The fantasy writer Chris Fowler, two of whose novels are currently in pre-production, says: "There's a definite European sensibility emerging. It's a cinema of ideas."


Not very Spielberg: *Event Horizon*, which opens in Britain on Friday, is a Gothic horror film with Tarkovsky overtones which happens to be set on board a space ship

The makers of *Event Horizon* can back up that claim. Anderson says that one of the works he studied before shooting began was Andrei Tarkovsky's *Solaris* (1972), *the* quintessential European arthouse science-fiction movie. "In American films the characters come on screen with a wisecrack and they're part of a team," Anderson says. "But there's a terrible loneliness about *Solaris*. Before the central character goes on his mission, we see him staring at a puddle for what seems about 15 minutes. Then it begins to rain and he walks back to his house. At the beginning of *Event Horizon* you see the central character in his white pod, and he's just a sad, lonely man. For the first seven minutes, only one sentence is said: 'Clare. God, I miss you.'

"Also I think the darkness of the visual style is very European. The spaceship is based on the floorplan of Notre Dame Cathedral: it is cruciform, the thruster rockets are towers from Notre Dame turned on their side and all the superstructure is based on the stained-glass windows, but rendered in iron and steel rather than glass and lead. There was a lot of religious imagery in the script and it set me thinking along those lines."

One reason for the new wave of sci-fi is the growing clout of the international market. In the past, American films earned most of their box office takings on their home turf. Today, as Jeremy Bolt, the producer of *Event Horizon*, points out, "foreign earnings can be worth up to 70 per cent of our profits. That's why Hollywood executives are saying, 'We must make sure we appeal in foreign markets, therefore perhaps we need foreign sensibilities.'"

Small wonder, then, that studios and independent mini-majors such as Miramax are scouring Europe for talent; like other writers, Fowler notes "a definite sense of the market being trawled". *Event Horizon* was bankrolled by Paramount, while elsewhere Europeans have been recruited to give American sci-fi a novel spin: the director Paul Verhoeven for *Starship Troopers* and Jean-Pierre Jeunet (*Delicatessen*) for *Alien Resurrection*, the fourth film in the lucrative *Alien* series.

The usual scenario of current Hollywood sci-fi involves a nation under siege by alien invaders. But it seems foreigners are becoming bored with watching Americans battle the scum of the universe in films such as *Mars Attacks!*, *Independence Day* and *Men in Black*. "They're here, they're bad, let's have lots of explosions," as the critic Nigel Floyd puts it. "It's all just flag-waving nonsense."

Significantly, the only recent big-budget American movie to depart from this principle has been *Contact*, a philosophical, non-action orientated piece in which Jodie Foster makes contact with friendly extraterrestrials. Opening in America opposite *Men in Black*, it drew mixed reviews and looks likely to do vastly inferior business. But we may love it this side of the pond.

Euro sci-fi might have no desire to ape Hollywood-style action-adventure, but it probably also has no option. We have the technical resources to produce sophisticated special effects, but rarely the budgets. "Old-style sci-fi used relatively inexpensive physical effects, with models," says Floyd. "Today most of them are digital, which means a lot of money. Industrial Light and Magic, George Lucas's post-production house, claims that it is second only to Nasa in terms of computer power.

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"People here have been trying to film J.G. Ballard's *High Rise* for years. But it's a $60 million movie. Who's going to put up that kind of money?" On the other hand, it could be exactly this which enables Euro sci-fi to avoid the trap of American event movies, where — as Hollywood screenwriters have been increasingly complaining — story and character often lose out to spectacular effects.

But the jury remains out on the existence of a genuine long-term revival. To date, *Nirvana* has not attracted a British distributor. And advance reaction suggests that mixed reviews await *Event Horizon*, although the film-makers remain bullish. And in any case, does it matter what the critics say? When the same *Variety* critic who trashed *The Fifth Element* hammered Anderson's first film, *Shopping*, as "a reckless orgy of destruction", they merely splashed the quote proudly over the poster.

Traveller with a roving eye

THEATRE

The revised version of Michael Pennington's celebrated one-man show appears on a sorrowful day for the Peter Hall Company. Ed and David Mirvish, Canadian producers and owners of the Old Vic, have announced that the building is to be sold in December.

This is a sad curtailment of a project that Hall hoped might last five years, a revival of the repertory system he has always believed works best for actors, playing seven days a week. I have no figures for the season as a whole, but when I saw *Waiting for Godot* two weeks ago the house was packed. Pennington manages to make a coded reference to Beckett's play in the course of his performance, which is quite an achievement when the man he is portraying died two years before Beckett was born.

This biographical entertainment was first seen at the National Theatre in 1984, since when more details of Chekhov's life have surfaced as the oil-slick of Soviet censorship fades away.

These revelations chiefly show the man's fondness for women, fat or thin, Russian or foreign, and must have been suppressed because censors always believe that the only hero is a sexless hero. A daydream of settling in The Netherlands with a Dutch woman and a cow is particularly endearing.

Pennington walks into view from the darkness at the rear of the stage, supporting himself on a knobbly black cane, trimly bearded, pince-nez clipped to the bridge of his nose. Open trunks are scattered across the stage, and in the course of the evening he packs books and other small objects into them, as if about to set off for Yalta, where he lived the last years of his life, or Badenweiler, where he was to die. His memories roam around his harsh childhood, early years as doctor and hack writer, and the astonishing journey across Siberia in 1890.

Presenting the hallucinations in his story *The Black Monk* as being the dying Chekhov's own experience is effective, but so is Pennington's manner throughout, his light voice caressing us with precise, vivid descriptions, so courteously spoken, and where pessimistic nonetheless crossed by shafts of comic observation.

He can be tart about the earnestness of Dostoevsky, passionately distressed when obliged to witness brutality, and evidently an excellent teller of jokes. The mosaic Pennington assembles from the mass of Chekhov material is the portrait of a man for all seasons.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Where all is for the worst

Family Circles
Orange Tree, SW15

THE first mistake that Alan Ayckbourn's characters make is getting born. Parents are a disaster and so, on the whole, is the world. The second mistake is exercising free will, for it regularly lands Ayckbourn's characters in relationships. Often they get married, which is a still graver error, for "whoever you decide to share your life with invariably turns out to be the worst possible choice".

The speaker is Robert McBain's grumpy old Edward Gray, who may be trying to kill his wife by tampering with her gas stove and electric blanket. In turn, Auriol Smith's placid, reproachful Emma may be slipping bits of broken glass into his sandwiches. But it is their three daughters who are the main focus of Ayckbourn's comic pessimism. Suppose they had formed different attachments. Would those still be the "worst possible choices"?

Family Circles puts Edward's dictum to the test. Aggressive Polly, fussy Jenny and subversive Deirdre turn up for their parents' predictably miserable wedding anniversary, their three men in tow; but, as scene succeeds scene, Oliver, David and James change partners until each has run an entire gamut of Gray sisters. And by the end it is difficult to say which is the least worst pairing.

The play dates from 1970, had its first London showing at the Orange Tree in 1978, was revived there last December, and undeniably merits a summer outing. It is not top-notch Ayckbourn: not *Absurd Person Singular*, not *Just Between Ourselves*. But if we hadn't been spoilt by those pieces, we would surely regard it as a remarkable blend of technical bravura and funny-glum observation.

Joanne Mitchell's Jenny is always pregnant and harried. Prue Clarke's Polly, childless and always angry, gives Oliver the hardest time. Emma Gregory's Deirdre gets spectacularly drunk when she is married to David.

The problem with the play remains its last scene, which occurs the morning after an offstage celebration that apparently ended with horrified fellow-diners watching the family like gawpers at the monkey-house. This is a free-for-all in which relationships and (hence) personalities change with baffling, too baffling, frequency. But at least there is no missing the final point. "If they can just keep working at their marriages," says Mother wishfully. "Disastrous," grunts Father. And Father knows best.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Saviour the Royal Ballet never had

DANCE: John Percival on the choreographer John Cranko, a genius cut down in his prime

Just suppose that in 1970 the folk running the Covent Garden Opera House had not gone to Berlin for the new artistic director of the Royal Ballet, but to Stuttgart. What a difference that might have made to the history of British ballet.

Kenneth MacMillan, who held the equivalent post at the Deutsche Oper, Berlin, was the one who got the job. The man running the more famous company in Stuttgart was a Royal Ballet émigré, John Cranko. Both were to die young, a fate they might have avoided had Cranko got the nod. He was to die on a flight back from New York after his company's triumphant visit there in 1973, at the age of 46. MacMillan, with a less stressful life, might have been at Cranko's 70th birthday party this month, instead of suffering a fatal heart attack in 1992.

That way, we would have kept two of the most remarkable talents to have emerged from the postwar Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet. Cranko was the first to prove himself. Born in South Africa, he created four ballets in Cape Town before taking the first available ship to London in 1946, aged 18. He was never much of a dancer, but Ninette de Valois took him into the companies at the Wells and at Covent Garden because of his creative ability.

Straight away he began making ballets for both theatres, and by the time he was 23 Cranko had been appointed resident choreographer at Sadler's Wells and had made a work for New York City Ballet. During 15 years in England he staged 34 ballets including such hits as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Pineapple Poll*, *The Lady and the Fool* and *Romeo and Juliet*. He persuaded Benjamin Britten and John Piper to collaborate with him in mounting the first three-act ballet with British music, choreography and design, *The Prince of the Pagodas*. He directed opera, formed his own small company for a summer season — and still found time to write and direct a long-running revue, *Cranks*.

Even with that track record, Cranko felt himself frustrated for lack of work, and in 1961 accepted an invitation to direct the ballet in Stuttgart. It had been a minor although respectable troupe in a theatre dominated by opera. Over the next eight years Cranko built up both the repertoire and the dancers to the point that when the Stuttgart Ballet gave its first New York season at the Metropolitan Opera House, it enjoyed what *The New York Times* critic Clive Barnes described as "a great, roaring, shouting success".

Cranko's "ballet miracle", as it was dubbed by the German press, produced some of the best ballets of his time.

The newly famous John Cranko at home in the late 1950s

He had a special flair for big dramatic works, but we must not forget that he made many subtle and original shorter works, among them his delicate Debussy suite *Brouillards*, the best of all stagings of Stravinsky's *Jeu de cartes*, and *Poème de l'extase* for Margot Fonteyn, giving her, at 51, the chance for the first time to play a fully mature woman, instead of the usual run of balletic "young girls".

But Cranko never confined his interest to his own choreography. He gave MacMillan opportunities to create works, including his masterpiece *Song of the Earth*, after Covent Garden had vetoed it. It was Cranko, in fact, who had first nudged MacMillan towards trying choreography, and a whole generation of new ballet-makers grew up in his Stuttgart company, the most notable being Jiri Kylian and John Neumeier. "Just to be in that creative atmosphere was exciting," Kylian said. "John gave people chances and made them grow."

Similarly, he had a tremendous gift for spotting potential in a dancer and bringing it out. Famously, he found his muse, Marcia Haydée, when she applied for a corps de ballet vacancy, and persuaded the management to give her a contract as a ballerina. She and the two unknown young men who became her regular partners, Egon Madsen and Richard Cragun, grew into great dancers under Cranko's inspiration.

So just consider what Cranko might have done for the Royal Ballet. Heaven knows it could do with some of his boldness in lateral thinking to overcome — or, better, to have prevented — the plight in which it now finds itself.

A young Prince becomes King and a great adventure begins...
Henry V
by William Shakespeare

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON 5 - 27 Sept
Royal Shakespeare Theatre
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LONDON 4 - 22 Nov
Barbican Theatre
0171 638 8891

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Manchester 30 Sept - 4 Oct
Palace Theatre
0161 242 2503

Canterbury 14 - 18 Oct
Marlowe Theatre
01227 787 787

Norwich 21 - 25 Oct
Theatre Royal
01603 630 000
(postal/fax booking opens 1 September)

Bradford 28 Oct - 1 Nov
Alhambra
01274 752000

Glasgow 25 - 29 Nov
Theatre Royal
0141 332 9000

Bath 2 - 6 Dec
Theatre Royal
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Woking 9 - 13 Dec
New Victoria Theatre
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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

EDINBURGH

Scottish Opera presents the original 1912 version of Strauss's opera, **Ariadne auf Naxos**, which was first performed at the Festival in 1950. With Anne Evans in the title role, John Horton Murray as Bacchus and Lisa Salter as Zerbinetta. Sung in German with English surtitles (Edinburgh Festival; tonight, Friday and Sunday, 7.15pm).

In the Queen's Hall, at 2.15pm, there is an opportunity to listen to an **archive recording** of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's performance of conductor Sir William Walton's *Partita*, and his Cello Concerto (soloist Pierre Fournier), *at the 1959 Edinburgh Festival*

At 8pm in the Usher Hall, the charismatic Welsh baritone **Bryn Terfel** performs a programme of songs by Schumann and Finzi, accompanied by Malcolm Martineau on the piano. **Festival box office** (0131-473 2000)

Fringe events include ***Kosh Kabaret's** Three Point Turn* — an evening of exotica, ragged songs and fractured dances — at the Gilded Balloon (Venue 36, 6.30pm, until August 29). **Tindersticks** performs at the Jaffa Cake (Venue 7, 8pm), as part of the New Music Festival. Flux, and **Cambridge Opera Group** performs Lennox Berkeley's fairy-tale, *A Dinner Engagement*, at Moray House (Venue 167, 6pm). In the Netherbow (Venue 30: 6pm), **Attic Theatre Company** presents Sue Glover's haunting *The Seal Wife*, and **Chameleon Theatre Company** presents the Hebridean comedy, *All for Mairi's Wedding* at Diverse Attractions (Venue 11; 5.45pm). Over in the Famous Grouse House (Venue 34; 10.15am), Chris Duffy plays an actor turned ventriloquist in **Life and Death in Milton Keynes**. **Fringe box office** (0131-226 5138 *tickets; 0131-226 5257 information*)

LONDON

BBC PROMS: Osmo Vänskä conducts the **Helsinki University Male Chorus** and the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** in an all-Sibelius programme. The concert begins with the London premiere of *The Wood Nymph*, followed by *Luonnotar* and, after the interval, the choral epic, *Kullervo*. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

MACBETH — STAGE OF BLOOD: Sunset performance by seven actors from Manipur, North East India, by the side of the Thames. Uses shamanistic trance rituals and martial arts. **Watermans**, High Street, Brentford (0181-568 1176). Tonight-Sun, 8pm.

THE MAID'S TRAGEDY: Lucy Bailey directs Nicholas le Prevost as the wicked king in a drama of revenge, stabbings, disguise and suchlike. The Beaumont and Fletcher play most often revived, though not often. **Globe**, New Globe Walk, SE1 (0171-316 4703). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens August 26. In rep.

Osmo Vänskä conducts Sibelius at the Proms

ELSEWHERE

HORNCHURCH: Faith Brown treads *the boards in David McGillivray's and* Walter Zerlin Jr's comedy, **The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery**. With Anna Karen and Larry Dann. **Queen's**, Billet Lane (01708 443333). Previews tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Tues-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs (August 28) and Sat (August 30), 3pm.

SCARBOROUGH: Alan Ayckbourn directs an Ayckbourn-like situation in **Fool to Yourself**, Robert Shearman's new comedy: a discontented couple return to the hotel where they met 20 years before and discover their younger selves in the bar. **Stephen Joseph**, Westborough (01723 370541). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens August 26, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat (Aug 23, Sept 6 and 20), 3pm. Until September 20. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Camden Arts Centre: beck's new contemporaries 97 (0171-435 2643) ... **Chris Beetles**: Louis Wain and the Summer Cat Show (0171-839 7551) ... **Gasworks**: Carlos Estevez: The Heart is a Bridge (0171-735 3445) ... **Jill George**: Martin Brewster: Monoprints (0171-439 7319) ... **Lisson**: Jason Martin (0171-724 2739) ... **Mall**: Korean Contemporary Art (0171-930 6844) ... **National**: Cranach: A Closer Look (0171-747 2885) ... **Royal Academy**: *Hiroshige. Images of Mist, Rain, Moon and Snow* (0171-439 7438) **Tate**: Piet Mondrian: Nature to Abstraction (0171-887 8000) ... **Tom Blau**: Cream Teasel Exeter School of Art and Design (0171-378 1300)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

■ **AMY'S VIEW**: Judi Dench and Samantha Bond in David Hare's perceptive new play, exploring a strong mother-daughter tie in the years from 1979. Richard Eyre directs. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 *(0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm;* mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep

■ **ART**: Henry Goodman, Roger Allam and Stanley Townsend in this exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white painting. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until October 4

□ **CHIMPS**: Fine performances in Simon Block's black comedy about a young couple in their first home driven to distraction by two persistent salesmen. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until August 30

□ **EVE OF RETIREMENT**: Another blistering play by Thomas Bernhard, scourge of Austrian complacency and neo-Nazism. Here a former SS officer celebrates Himmler's birthday with a fond trip down memory lane. Directed by David Fielding, responsible for staging Bernhard's terrific *Elisabeth II* in 1992. **Gate**, Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until September 6*

□ **THE HERBAL BED**: Peter Whelan's fascinating play. Kate Duchêne plays Shakespeare's daughter and Christopher Hunter her Puritan inquisitor. **Duchess**, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until October 4.

□ **LIFE SUPPORT**: Alan Bates subtly moving in Simon Gray's play about remorse for marital treachery. **Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **MARLENE**: Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress. On the whole, more successful than Pam Gems's play. **Lyric**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 50-45). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE PROVOK'D WIFE**: Michael Pennington (excellent as Sir John Brute), Alison Steadman, Victoria Hamilton in Vanbrugh's pungent comedy. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

□ **PYGMALION**: Amusing, unshowy revival with Roy Marsden, Michael Elphick and newcomer Carli Morris. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm

□ **THE SEAGULL**: After its national tour, Stephen Unwin's production arrives in London. Cheryl Campbell plays Arkadina, Joanna Roth is Nina. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171 369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm.

□ **WATERSHIP DOWN**: New Shakespeare Company's youth theatre assembles a company of 60 young teenagers for Jacob Murray's adaptation of the great rabbit trek. **Open Air**, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Wed and Sat, 11am, Tue, Wed and Fri, 2.30pm. Until August 23.

□ **THE WOOD DEMON**: Good actors in a generally disappointing revival of Chekhov's first version of *Uncle Vanya*. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737) ... ◩ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ... ◩ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) ... □ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's *(0171-494 5400)* ... □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ... ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE CLOUD-CAPPED STAR: Young woman sacrifices her life for her family. Ritwik Ghatak's compelling and adventurous Indian drama, made in *1960*. **NFT** (0171-928 3232)

HEAT AND DUST (15): Morals and manners of the British Raj, decorously examined by Merchant Ivory. With Julie Christie, Greta Scacchi, Shashi Kapoor. **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720)

◆ **SPEED 2: CRUISE CONTROL** (PG): Dawdling sequel set on a cruise ship, with Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric and Willem Dafoe. Director, Jan De Bont. **ABC Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

CURRENT

EVERYONE SAYS I LOVE YOU (12): New York neuroses set to music by Woody Allen. Beguiling, but thin. With Alan Alda and Julia Roberts. **ABC Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470) **Everyman** (0171 813 6128)

◆ **GROSSE POINTE BLANK** (15): Troubled hit man hits his class reunion. Hip comedy with John Cusack, Minnie Driver and Dan Aykroyd. Director, George Armitage. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Gate Notting Hill** (0171-727 4043) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ ***LADY AND THE TRAMP*** (U): Disney's 1955 cartoon revived: bland, but with a faint canine charm. **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE LOST WORLD** (PG): Routine story damages the sequel to Jurassic Park. With Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. Director, Steven Spielberg. **ABCs: Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

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OPERA: Spanish fire fails to ignite, but Donizetti smoulders with drama

DONALD COOPER

Francesca Masclans (Susana), Carles Canut (Don Hilarion) and Rosa Galinda (Casta) do their best with a weak libretto

Limping passions

La Verbena de la Paloma
King's

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

The last time zarzuela came to Edinburgh, eight years ago, it flopped — and that was Torroba's *La Chalupona*, one of the most distinguished examples of its kind, in a production by the Teatro Zarzuela itself. It would be a severe judge who would rule from that, however, that our dreams of importing tuneful popular theatre, vibrant with Spanish rhythms and burning with sun-drenched passion, are all in vain and should henceforth be resisted.

The problem, though, is that zarzuela is not really like that. It takes an Albéniz or a Falla to get to the vital heart of Spanish music, and they didn't write zarzuelas. The composers who did write them turned out some pretty tame stuff for some very ordinary libretti. Tomas Breton's score for *La Verbena de la Paloma* (The Festival of the Dove), which was at the King's Theatre for three performances this week, is no exception. What is exceptional is that the production, which comes from the Centro Cultural Sant Cugat, attempts to inject sun-drenched passion into a libretto by Ricardo de la Vega which is not so much ordinary as irreparably weak.

The director, Calixto Bieito, has transferred the August Fiesta of the Virgin of the Dove from bourgeois and Latin quarter Madrid to the meanest of back streets, setting the whole thing outside a tram shed and pretending that it offers an authentic, politically tough commentary on working-class life around the turn of the century. Well, there is a bit of that in the original piece. First performed in Madrid in 1894, it offers just a hint of disapproval of a rich chemist who attempts to use his money to seduce Susana from the course of true love with Julian. But there is little in the libretto and absolutely nothing in the score — the most famous number of which, the Habanera Concertante, is eminently respectable — to justify images of police violence, near-rape, prostitution and wife-beating or even, welcome distraction though it is, the regular display of splayed legs.

The other problem with zarzuela is that it has its own standards of quality in singing. Usually you will find an Italian-style tenor, like the blustery Marco Monioa who plays Julian in this production; a cast consisting largely of singing actors with variable ideas of pitch and rhythm; and with luck — as on this occasion — a flamenco singer. With the accomplished assistance of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in the pit, the conductor, Miguel Ortega, does what he can. But that, in a 90-minute show consisting more of dialogue than of music, is not very much.

GERALD LARNER

Beauty of the beast

Lucia di Lammermoor
Usher Hall

IF AN "authentic" *Lucia*, with period instruments, Donizetti's original keys restored, and that deeply unauthentic gladiatorial contest for soprano and flute (no one seems to know who wrote it, but it certainly wasn't Donizetti) expunged, sounds in any way like a bloodless academic exercise, that would be to reckon without Sir Charles Mackerras. There was nothing the least vegetarian about Sunday's concert, quite the opposite: it was an evening of bright red operatic meat, pulsating with drama and a thoroughly worthy tribute to the composer in his bicentennial year.

The Hanover Band's gutsy playing stripped decades of varnish from the score with sound that was full-blooded — there were five double-basses — yet wonderfully "rough" in the best sense. Slack bass drum and timpani brought their own special rattle, the valveless horns were encouraged to whoop and rasp in the public scenes (but played exquisitely for Edgardo's final aria), and Mackerras drew all the latent drama from the supple string section in those nervy, tense accompaniment figures. The sheer violence of the second-act finale and the Wolf's Crag duet was a timely reminder that *Lucia* is no droopy romance but a good thick slice of Gothic horror.

Within that context, though, the beauty of the harpist Angela Moore's little concerto in the Fountain Scene and the sensitivity of Martin Root's (authentic) flute obbligato should be mentioned, as well as the force with which the percussionist Kate Eyre whacked Lucia's funeral bell — the Last Judgment seemed just round the corner. Add the wealth of orchestral colour in the Mad Scene — shuddering *ponticello* strings, woodwind that "spoke" much more expressively in Donizetti's original keys — and you will gather that there has to be more to *Lucia* than just good singing, which was also generously in evidence.

The Hungarian soprano Andrea Rost (Lucia) scored a great success with the audience. Her voice was a little vinegary to start with, but filled out nicely for the Mad Scene, where her technique proved fully equal to the composer's demands (beautifully pearly chromatic scales). The hypercritical, of whom there were evidently few present, might find her tone a little monochrome, her response to words a little generalised. Bruce Ford (Edgardo) seems set to inherit the mantle of Alfredo Kraus in this repertory: his musicianship and the way he lives every single line of the role place him on that exalted level. Anthony Michaels-Moore's command of legato stood him in good stead as Enrico, Alastair Miles represented the Church Militant with due fervour as Raimondo, and Ryland Davies was an exceptionally vivid Normanno. This riveting interpretation has already been recorded for Sony Classical — roll on the release date.

RODNEY MILNES

Silver screen schmalz

CONCERT

THE idea for a *Romeo and Juliet* ballet originally came in the 1930s from Sergei Radlov, artistic director of the Mariinsky Theatre; after protests that Prokofiev's music was "incomprehensible and almost impossible to dance to", the ballet was first performed at the Kirov in 1940. So the choice of the complete ballet music was an apt one for the Kirov Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theatre as it bowed out of Edinburgh.

Four acts, nine scenes, 52 numbers, three hours. At times it felt like it — particularly when the orchestra kept the audience waiting for a good ten minutes at the start of each half. But the trick lies in the sensing out of the grand design: both conductor and audience must pace themselves through Prokofiev's cinematography of merged memories, allusions, anticipation and recall. Valery Gergiev certainly did his bit. The forceful dramatic progression written into each scene, preventing their cameos from being merely episodic, was activated from the very heart of the score. In the first act alone, Gergiev's deft changes of metre and tempo were thrilling to experience — those earth tremors of rhythmic life which had caused the original dancers so much anxiety.

Sometimes they would be sensed in a split second of rubato — a mere flicker of a nerve in one of Juliet's themes, the shudder of bow on string in preparations for the ball; or the way in which the shudder of death would turn into the upbeat of revenge. Gergiev was an uncompromising dancing master too: the Gavotte was sturdy, even laconic; the Folk Dances rough-hewn.

By contrast, the schmalz in this silver-screen of a score was laid on luxuriantly by the unmistakably Russian style of cello playing, and the depth of resonance in the strings flexing their corporate muscle freely in the acoustic of the Usher Hall. It was exciting to hear the highest note in the swaggering *Arrival of the Guests* glinting bright and true each time round.

The distinctive, slightly smoky sound of the Kirov's flutes brought a particular poignancy to the shy, sliding melody which haunts the ball and returns with increasing significance in Acts III and IV. And when the flute appeared as lark ascending in the scene in Friar Laurence's Cell, it created a portentous numb frisson of anticipation, just as the orchestra's equally distinctive principal clarinet conjured up a chilling reminiscence of the Low Dance as life finally expired.

HILARY FINCH

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Winged houses take off

The Grade I listed Stoneleigh Abbey, which dates back to the 12th century, has been restored by the conversion guru Kit Martin

Large period country houses around the country are being converted into wings or large apartments, and buyers unable to find country houses as their main residence or weekend bolthole are being drawn to such schemes. Many of these houses have fallen into disrepair, or have become too big to be considered a single residence.

Ian Lange of Humberts in Honiton, Devon, feels there is a real market for wings and country-house apartments. "People like the idea of living in a grand country house and are more open-minded about what they choose, particularly with the shortage of manageable country-houses on the market at the moment," he says.

Philip Blanchard of John D Wood in Lymington, Hampshire says such developments are one solution to current shortages. Stephen Briegel of Allen Briegel in Putney, southwest London, agrees.

"Developers used to have problems finding the right types of property and selling the concept," he explains. "But this is no longer the case, and leading housebuilders such as Try Homes and Berkeley Homes are moving into this market to meet the incredible demand for this type of property. This is fuelled by eager London buyers and those looking to maintain and secure second homes, or downsizing.

"A portion of a country house or a converted apartment offers all the things that appeal to people: high ceilings and well-proportioned rooms. There is often a bit of history attached, as well as access to beautiful grounds and gardens."

> 'A portion of a country house offers the things that appeal to people: high ceilings, history'

One such scheme is the conversion of Grade I listed Stoneleigh Abbey, which dates from the 12th century, by Kit Martin, something of a restoration and conversion guru. The abbey fell into ruin during the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century, and rebuilt to form an Elizabethan house by the then Lord Leigh in 1561. The Leigh family lived in the house until 1994 and the Abbey was the childhood home of Jane Austen's mother.

The 18th-century west wing and the Grade II listed Repton parkland will be restored by the newly formed Stoneleigh Abbey Preservation Trust and opened to the public. Meanwhile, the south, east and laundry wings are being turned into private homes.

Knight Frank (01789 297735) is offering six houses in the first phase, with two from the east wing. One, the Jacobean House, is going for £525,000. It has a dining room lined with 17th-century leather wall hangings and a Jacobean staircase.

Many other schemes are afoot, each with its own unique features and often involving much sympathetic restoration. Grade II listed Great Bowden Hall, near Market Harborough, has been restored and transformed into seven apartments by Enterprise Heritage, after a fire and years of neglect. Prices start from £107,000. Contact Savills (01780 766222).

> The Jacobean House has 17th-century leather wall hangings

Maristow, a Grade II listed 18th-century house near Plymouth, is another Kit Martin project, with the main house divided into six houses. Knight Frank (01392 423111) is handling the sales. Similarly, Grade II listed Georgian Widworthy Court, built by G.S. Repton in 1830, has been converted into 14 apartments, from about £70,000. John D Wood (01962 863131) and Jackson-Stops & Staff (01823 325144).

Berkeley Homes (01256 814314) is converting Leydene Park, in East Meon, Hampshire, to four wings, as well as adding some buildings in the grounds and converting stables into mews-style properties. The Twenties house, which belonged to Lord and Lady Peel, boasts a listed double helix staircase and formal knot garden, recently restored by Berkeley Homes.

Grade II listed Burford Lodge, near Dorking, once home to the Barclay family, is another Berkeley scheme (01932 576500). It, too, will have new buildings, while the lodge itself, built in 1786 and nestling against Box Hill, has been transformed into eight apartments, from £239,950 to £325,000.

Iain and Carolynn Mackay-Dick have lived in the East Wing of Grade II listed Avening House, near Tetbury, with their three daughters for the past ten years, and say it is a marvellous way to live.

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Sadly, the family are selling their wing, through Humberts, and are seeking a home they can share with Mrs Mackay-Dick's parents, nearer to a village. But they hope to find another wing. Luckily, several are available, for buyers or renters.

The main portion of Haremere Hall, home of Jacqueline Lady Killearn, is up for rent, near Etchingham, East Sussex. The Grade I* listed Jacobean house, dating from the 16th century, retains many of its original features, including a great hall with Tudor roses carved on its ceiling. Agents Egerton (0171 493 0676) is looking for a rent of around £2,000 a week, for one year.

The East Wing of Fyvie Castle, near Aberdeen, is up for rent for £1,500 a month through Strutt & Parker (01330 824888), on the instructions of the National Trust for Scotland. The towers which form the East Wing were built in the 14th and 17th centuries respectively. The castle is open to the public from May to September, so tenants will have some obligations and responsibilities.

AMANDA LOOSE

Sanatorium restored to full health

Residents of Crossland House at Virginia Water in Surrey will be able to live in "houses" as opposed to the more usual "apartments". Octagon, the building company behind the redevelopment of the property, a Grade I listed Victorian Gothic building, hopes to complete work in the main hall of the building by Christmas.

Crossland House was the centrepiece of the Holloway Sanatorium and was the creation of Thomas Holloway and his architect, William Crossland. In September 1871, Holloway declared that he intended building an asylum for 200 paying patients. When the building was opened in 1885 by the Prince and Princess of Wales, it had cost the equivalent of about £10 million.

Octagon has restored the building from a derelict state and this has allowed it to build interiors from the ground up. As well as the houses that remain in the west wing of the main building, there are a further 190 new houses and apartments on the 24-acre estate.

All residents will have access to the leisure complex, which includes a multi-purpose hall, tennis court and gym. A swimming pool is housed in what was the library, under a vaulted roof almost restored to its original splendour. Muted tones, rather than the bright colours favoured by the Victorians, were used. Each property will have spaces for two or three cars.

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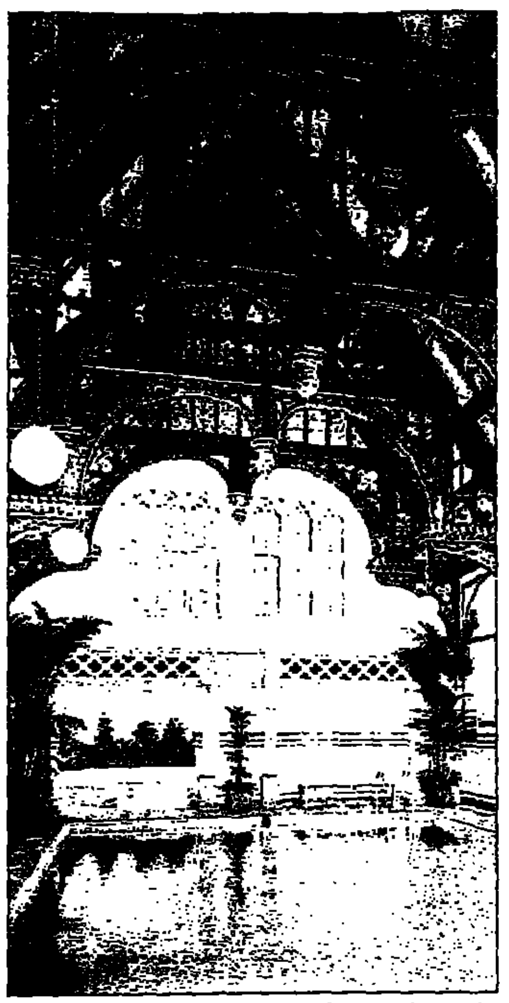

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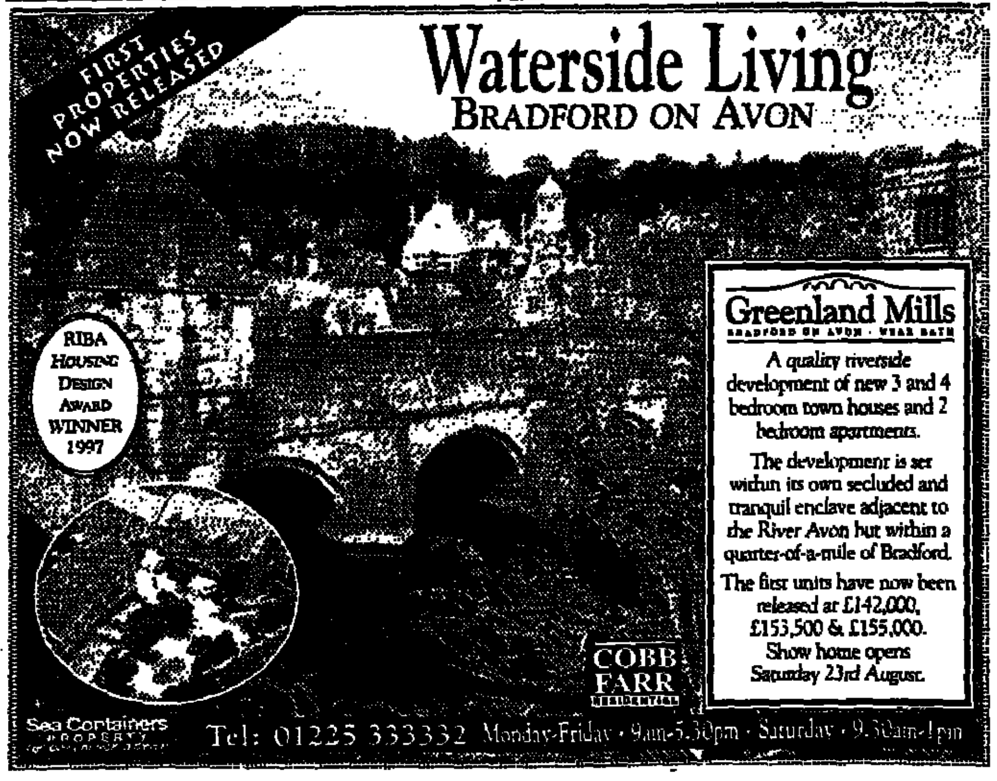
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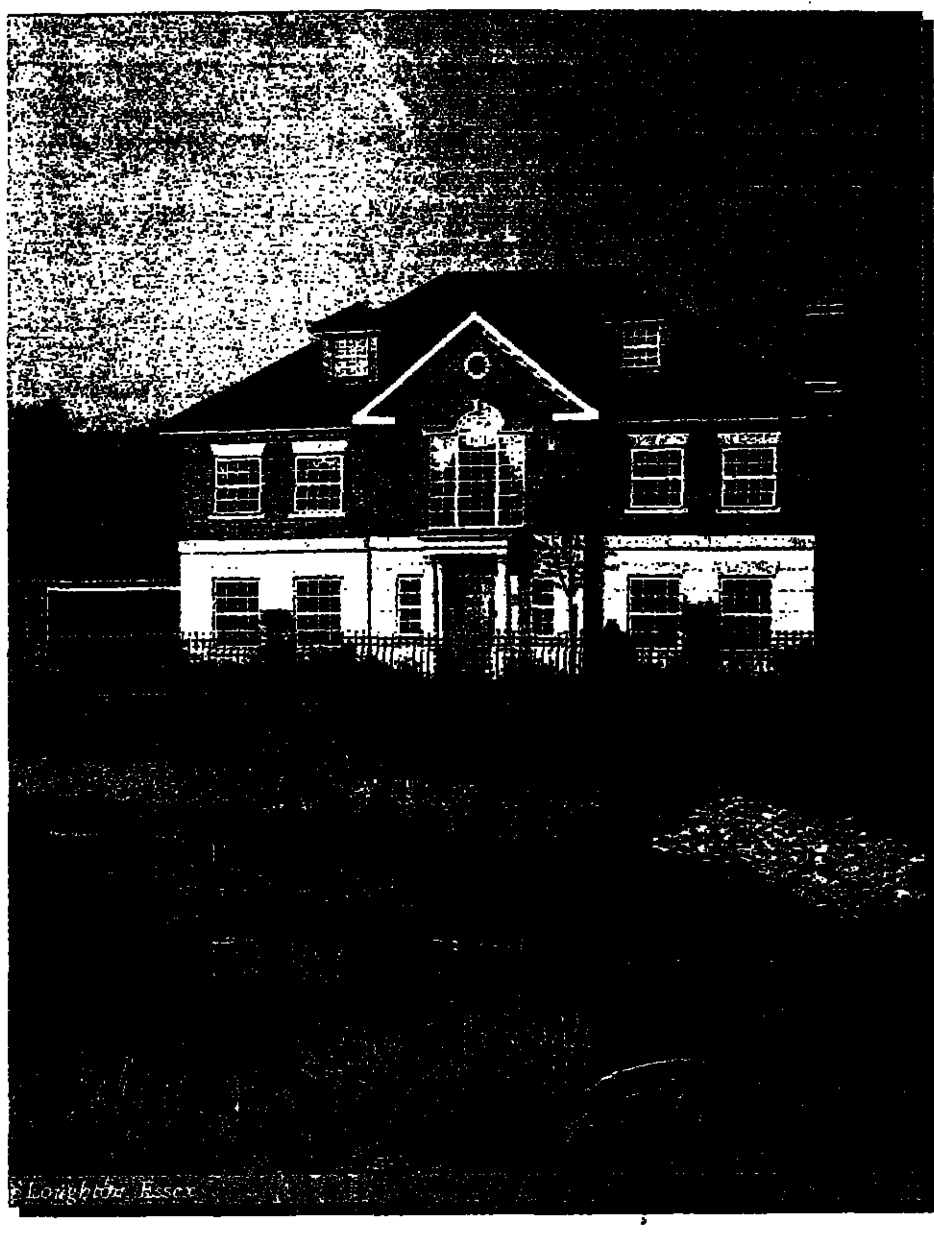

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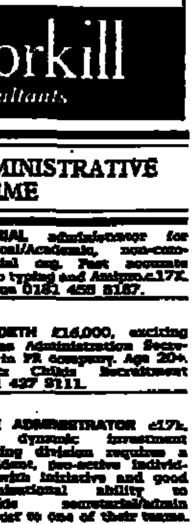

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SWIMMING

Move to Bath earns Palmer pool jackpot

FROM CRAIG LORD IN SEVILLE

PAUL PALMER'S victory in the 200 metres freestyle on the first day of the European championships here yesterday follows a season of uncertainty in which his coach, Ian Turner, had to coax and cajole his swimmer back into full training after his success in the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year.

The dispute in the most successful partnership in British swimming was settled as the winter turned to spring, but the humour of the crisis was not lost yesterday on Palmer, who is favourite to win the 400 metres here.

He turned to Turner and asked: "Does this mean I can miss the 400 [metres]?" "No, it bloody doesn't," came the reply and coach and swimmer shared the laugh.

Results 40

It was very different in January. As Turner left Heathrow Airport for a training camp in Australia, he believed that the Olympic silver medal-winner in the 400 metres freestyle would be following him within a few days, after a skiing holiday.

Palmer, 22, arrived at the airport, but a delay in his flight gave him time to question what he was about to embark on. As his fellow passengers headed to the departure gate, Palmer turned instead to the car park and back to his family in Lincoln.

He had moved with Turner last autumn from Lincoln to Bath University's elite sports village and has trained permanently in a long-course 50-metre pool for the first time in his swimming career. After his "psychological blip", Palmer had got back into serious training late in the year.

His last international victory was one of three at the 1991 European junior championships and was followed by three silver medals at senior international level, all over 400 metres.

The third was his Olympic effort, which helped to secure a £14,000 lottery grant this year for the man who drew the public's attention to the financial plight of British athletes in Atlanta last year.

Palmer yesterday put his victory down to Turner and his move to Bath, which offers full support for elite athletes and has meant that Turner was able to give up his job as a school teacher and concentrate on coaching full-time.

Palmer believes that the British 4 x 200 metres relay team can win the European title today and that the 400 metres two days later could bring him a third gold medal.

"You know, spirits are high and the team should get the gold. That will be a great boost," he said.

James Salter, who missed the bronze medal by one hundredth of a second in the 200 metres freestyle, behind Palmer, took consolation from his team-mate's words: "I'll just have to make good when it counts for the relay."

Elsewhere for Britain, there were fourth and fifth places in the 100 metres freestyle for Sue Rolph and Karen Pickering. Competing against the might of Germany in the middle two lanes, Sandra Völker and Antje Buschschulte, and the experienced Slovakian, Martina Moravcova, the British pair would have had to break Pickering's 1994 national record of 55.79sec to challenge for medals. Pickering, 25, did well to set her season's best of 56.13sec for fifth place, suggesting that her back problems, caused by a car crash in the autumn, are over. Rolph, the 19-year-old from Newcastle, clocked 56.09sec to go one place better, finishing 0.71sec adrift of Völker, the winner.

Rolph's performance augurs well for the 200 metres medley later in the week. She is the third-fastest entrant, although the favourite remains Michelle Smith, the triple Olympic gold medal-winner, from Ireland.

Yesterday, Smith, swimming under her married name of De Bruin, won the 400 metres medley in a battle with a 15-year-old Ukrainian newcomer, Yana Klochkova. The teenager took the lead with 150 metres to go during the breaststroke leg, but Smith fought back to draw level down the first of two freestyle lengths. What followed was a victory of power over technique. Within 20 metres of the turn, the Irishwoman had opened one-second lead and held on until the end, even easing up over the final four metres to win in 4min 42.08sec.

JOSE MANUEL RIBEIRO

Palmer celebrates his thrilling victory in the 200 metres freestyle in Seville yesterday

EQUESTRIANISM

Change of heart gives Stark his Burghley chance

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

IAN STARK has had an eleventh-hour call-up for the British squad for the Pedigree Chum Open European three-day event championships at Burghley next month after a change of heart by Lord and Lady Vestey, the owners of his horse, Arakai.

In a surprise announcement yesterday, Stark — together with Christopher Bartle, Anne-Marie Evans, William Fox-Pitt, Kristina Gifford and Mary King — was named in the squad of six from which the team of four will be chosen. Britain, who have won five out of the past six European championships, are defending the title won in Italy two years' ago.

Stark's chances of selection this year had looked slender when Stanwick Ghost, his leading horse, injured a leg after Badminton and Arakai, the New Zealand thoroughbred on which he was fourteenth at Badminton, was deemed to be too inexperienced for a championship.

A disappointed Stark decided to have another "chat" with the Vesteys after the young horse's faultless performance at Auchinleck in Ayrshire last month. "I told them he felt much more grown up and had matured a great deal," Stark said.

The owners' response was to "wait and see" until after Thirlestane last weekend, where the long-listed riders were having their final trials. After another superb round there, the Vesteys — to the delight of Giles Rowsell, the chairman of the selectors — confirmed that Arakai was available for selection.

Stark's inclusion is not the only surprise. Gifford, whose General Jock was in the gold medal-winning team at the 1994 world championships, missed Badminton in May, the main selection trial, because of the 12-year-old gelding's perennial foot problems. Rowsell told Gifford that if she could "sort out" the horse's feet and prove his fitness at Gatcombe, she would be considered. Gifford, who lives in Sussex, found an appropriate farrier in Leicestershire, where she now takes the horse every three weeks. Twelfth place at Gatcombe fulfilled the selectors' second request.

Fox-Pitt and King, members of the Olympic Games squad in Atlanta, are likely to form the nucleus of the team. Bartle, the team dressage trainer is, at 45, the "new boy". Better known for his dressage exploits — he was sixth at the Los Angeles Olympics — his selection on Word Perfect follows his convincing win at Thirlestane.

Two notable absentees from the squad are Karen Dixon, who broke her leg at Thirlestane, and Pippa Funnell, who will compete as an individual on Bits N Pieces after the latter's disappointing refusals at the water at the final trial.

Funnell's mistake let in the stylish Evans, who competed as an individual at the 1986 world championships and 1989 European championships and now makes a welcome return to the team on Dutch Treat.

"It's a team of tough, experienced riders," Rowsell said. It will need to be. Michael Tucker, who has replaced Mark Phillips as course designer this year, unveiled his course yesterday. The 30 uncompromising fences allow little margin for error.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD (for the Pedigree Chum Open European championships, September 11 to 14): C Bartle (Word Perfect II), A-M Evans (Dutch Treat), W Fox-Pitt (Cosmopolitan II), K Gifford (General Jock), M King (Star Appeal), I Stark (Arakai). Individual riders: D Dick (Headley Bravo), P Funnell (Bits N Pieces), C Hunnable (Mr Bootsie), G Parsonage (Magic Rogue), P Phillips (Coral Cove), E Watson (Last of the Incas). Reserves: J-P Sheffield (Kilcullen Bay), J Yeo (Bally Free).

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RUGBY UNION: £1 MILLION SPONSORSHIP BOOST FOR CLUBS IN LOWER DIVISIONS

Bath lose Nicol for opening clash

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ANDY NICOL, whose representative career has been badly hindered because of injury, will miss the start of the Allied Dunbar Premiership on Saturday. Nicol, the new Bath captain, has been forced to stand down from the first division game with Newcastle — and a possible clash with another Scotland scrum half, Gary Armstrong — because of a pulled hamstring.

After the euphoria surrounding the signing last week of Ieuan Evans, this is just the start Bath hoped to avoid in their campaign to return to the top of the English tree. The captaincy will pass to the safe hands of Phil de Glanville, but Nicol, 26, who led Scotland on their development tour of South Africa this summer, had been bursting to assume his new role.

"I know that we possess a squad capable of winning a lot of games this season," Nicol said. "There is pressure on us, mainly due to the high standards we set ourselves and goals we want to achieve, but no one can put any tags on us for a change. Wasps, Leicester and Brive are the defending league and cup champions — they'll have to get used to that."

A damaged hamstring hampered Nicol last season and he dislocated an elbow playing an A international against England. His early Bath career, in 1994, was limited by a serious cruciate ligament injury. His latest misfortune came during a warm-up game with Newbury last Thursday.

JOHN GICHIGI / ALLSPORT

Davies and Fawcett announce a deal that will improve the lot of lower-ranked clubs

Sale, who are not short of problems on the eve of the new season, have disposed of one by reaching agreement with John Mitchell, their player-coach. "I am happy the situation has been resolved," the New Zealander, who has a five-year contract, said. "At the end of the day, friendship means more than money and I have made some wonderful friends at Sale."

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has also struck a positive note with the announcement of a £1 million sponsorship agreement for three years with Jewson Limited. The building company will give its name to the old national leagues three and four, which now become Jewson National Leagues one and two, involving the 42 clubs below the 24 who make up the two premiership divisions.

The 28 clubs in Jewson Two, which is divided into north and south, as was the case last year, will almost treble their income from the estimated £6,000 that they received from RFU sponsorship agreements last season. Those promoted into Jewson One at the end of this season can expect more than £70,000.

"In a professional sport, you have to ask where the finances will come from to develop the players of tomorrow, if there is no support of the lower divisions," Richard Fawcett, the chief executive of Jewson, said at Twickenham. The company, which has been involved in Welsh rugby for the past 20 years, will also give financial assistance to referee development and will award trophies to the three league champions.

Among their representatives at Twickenham was Jonathan Davies, the Wales stand-off half, whose return from rugby league two years ago was partly promoted by Jewson's. Davies, whose wife Karen died this year, will decide during the next week whether to extend his playing career or take up various options of media work and develop his coaching career. He has two years of his agreement with Cardiff still to run, but London Welsh, Worcester and Leeds have all expressed interest in his availability.

☐ Andre Joubert has been recalled by South Africa for the final game of the tri-nations tournament, against Australia in Pretoria on Saturday. He replaces the injured Russell Bennett at full back. Fritz van Heerden comes in at lock for Krynauw Otto.

RUGBY LEAGUE: ROBINSON AND RATHBONE WALK AWAY FROM CENTRAL PARK

Resignations fail to end Wigan row

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A TURBULENT year at Wigan shows no sign of ending, despite the resignations yesterday of Jack Robinson and Tom Rathbone, the long-serving chairman and vice-chairman, five months after the controversial £12 million sale of Central Park to the Tesco supermarket chain.

David Whelan, the wealthy owner of Wigan Athletic Football Club, whose original offer to buy and redevelop Central Park for use by both clubs was accepted by a large majority of shareholders, will not do business with Wigan until the third board member, who agreed the Tesco deal without shareholders' knowledge, also resigns.

As Arthur Thomas, a director since 1995, has been appointed chairman in place of Robinson, Whelan is refusing to talk with Wigan about possibly sharing a new 25,000-capacity stadium with the football club. Contractors have been appointed and work on the £24 milliion scheme at Robin Park in the town is due to begin next month.

Whelan, once an honorary president of Wigan, said: "As a shareholder, I've asked for a financial statement of affairs to see just what sort of mess Robinson and Rathbone have walked away from. We all know that sharing the new stadium is the way forward, but as Thomas was party to the sorry Tesco deal, I can't yet deal with Wigan."

Wigan would not comment, other than to confirm the resignations. Before he severed his 18-year connection with the club, Robinson had said that sharing the new stadium was the obvious solution. However, he could not broker a peace deal with Whelan, who first fell out with Wigan at the way they dispensed with Steve Hampson, their full back, just before his benefit season.

Wigan are due to vacate Central Park at the end of next season and temporarily move to the Reebok Stadium, Bolton Wanderers Football Club's new ground, six miles away. Plans to build their own separate stadium have not been advanced.

Robinson, the subject of public protest over the sale, felt he had ridden out the storm in May. He and Rathbone survived votes of no confidence by shareholders, then denied allegations of vote-rigging. The calls for his head were renewed and Robinson obliged yesterday, saying that every decision taken had been in the club's best interest.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand is an example of a technique called 'playing on an assumption'. The declarer was Howard Cohen.

Dealer East	Love all	Rubber bridge
	♠A973 ♥Q6 ♦982 ♣J876	
♠10865 ♥108432 ♦K4 ♣Q2	N W E S	♠QJ ♥AK7 ♦107653 ♣543
	♠K42 ♥J95 ♦AQJ ♣AK109	

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: three of hearts.

East passed as dealer and North-South bid to Three No-Trumps with no opposition bidding. After West led a heart East took the first two tricks with the ace and king, and continued with a third one, West playing the two and then the four. How should declarer play?

It looks as though West has started with five hearts from his lead of the three followed by the play of the two. Hence if he gets in the contract will fail. As declarer needs tricks in both clubs and diamonds, it seems he must assume that East has both the king of diamonds and the queen of clubs. But that would give East 12 points, (remember, he has already shown up with the ace and king of hearts) and nobody passes on 12 points when not vulnerable these days.

So putting East with the king of diamonds means that West has the queen of clubs, and the only chance is to find it doubleton, and that is what Cohen did — he cashed the ace and king of clubs, dropping West's queen.

Now with clubs good for four tricks, Cohen needed to develop only one more trick for his contract. The diamond finesse was still the best bet, but first he played a spade to the seven. East made the mistake of winning with the queen — the jack would have been better. He returned a low diamond. Now Cohen knew that West was likely to have the king — again, if East has the queen of spades, and ace and king of hearts along with the king of diamonds he would have opened the bidding.

So Cohen put up the ace of diamonds and played off his two remaining clubs. In practice West discarded two hearts, and so Cohen was able to concede a diamond trick to West to make his contract. West had been squeezed on the run of the clubs.

☐ For details of *The Times* Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, call the organisers on 0181 942 9506.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Mind Sports Olympiad

The chess section of the Mind Sports Olympiad at London's Royal Festival Hall yesterday witnessed a bitter struggle between the co-British champions Matthew Sadler and Michael Adams. Sadler sacrificed heavily for a massive attack but blundered on move 30 when the alternative 30 Qc3 would have been strong. After an exciting tussle Sadler lost on time in a position which still held out prospects of a draw.

White: Matthew Sadler
Black: *Michael Adams*

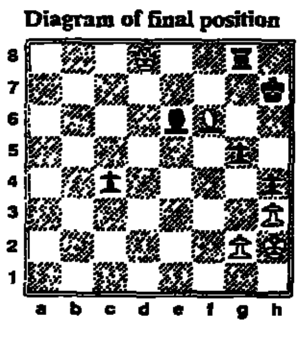
Mind Sports Olympiad, August 1997

French Defence

1	d4 e6	
2	e4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	a3	Bxc3+
6	bxc3	Ne7
7	Qg4	Kf8
8	dxc5	Nd7
9	Nf3	Qc7
10	Be2	Nxe5
11	Nxe5	Qxe5
12	0-0	Qxc3
13	Rb1	e5
14	Qh5	f6
15	f4	Qxc5+
16	Kh1	e4
17	c4	g6
18	Qh6+	Kf7
19	cxd5	Nf5
20	Qh3	h5
21	Rb5	Qd6
22	Qc3	b6
23	a4	Ba6
24	Ba3	Rac8
25	Qb3	Qd7
26	d6+	Kg7
27	Rxf5	Bxe2
28	Rd6	Bxf1
29	Bb2	Bc4
30	Qg3	Qg4
31	Qe1	Kh7
32	h3	Qd7
33	f5	g5
34	Qd1	Bf7
35	Qd4	Rhg8
36	Qxe4	Rce8
37	Qd3	h4
38	Kh2	a6
39	Bc3	b5
40	axb5	axb5
41	Re6	Rxe6
42	fxe6+	Bg6
43	Qd5	Qc8
44	Be5	Qc4
45	Qxc4	bxc4
46	d7	Bf5
47	Bf6	Bxe6
48	d8Q	

White lost on time

Diagram of final position



Medal Table

The medal situation after the first day's play in the Mind Sports Olympiad is as follows.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
England	1	2	1	4
USA	1	0	0	1
Scotland	0	0	1	1

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LAMPADARY
a. A camel race
b. Perspicuous
c. A cluster of lamps

MARINARY
a. The seaside
b. The cult of the Virgin Mary
c. Seamanship

MOUNCEL
a. A ladder
b. Part of a herd
c. A hillock

MUMBLEBEE
a. A boat
b. A tea party
c. The female bumblebee

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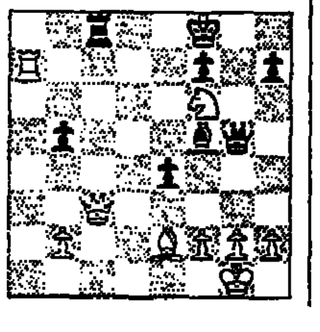
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Palac — Jelen, Ljubljana 1997.

White is a piece up but is hamstrung by threats against his knight and his weak back rank. How did he swiftly solve his problems?

Solution on page 41

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

World Cup
European qualifying group seven
Turkey v Wales
(at Ali Sami Yen Stadium, Istanbul, 8.30)
Group eight
Ireland v Lithuania
(at Lansdowne Road)
Group nine
Northern Ireland v Germany
(at Windsor Park, Belfast)

Vauxhall Conference
Farnborough v Rushden & D (7.45)
Gateshead v Morecambe (7.45)

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Third round
Dundee Utd v Hibernian
Dunfermline v St Mirren (7.45)
Motherwell v Greenock Morton (7.45)
Stirling v Kilmarnock

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland division: Corby v Bedworth; RC Warwick v Stourbridge; Raunds Town v Moor Green; Solihull Boro v Brackley Town; Wisbech Town v Hinckley United. Southern division: Baldock v Margate; Dartford v Fisher London; Fareham v Witney; Havant v Newport (IoW).

ICIS LEAGUE: First division: Leyton Pennant v Maidenhead. Second division: Windsor and Eton v Edgware. Third division: Tring v Camberley.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich v Wimbledon (7.0); Oxford United v Brighton (at Witney Town FC); Southampton v Norwich (at Staplewood); Swindon v Tottenham (7.15).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v Sheffield Wednesday (at The Baseball Ground, 7.0); Manchester Utd v Blackburn (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Birmingham (7.0); Tranmere v Leeds (7.0). First division: Bolton v Middlesbrough (at Leigh RMI, 7.0); Huddersfield v Notts County (7.0); Oldham v Leicester (7.0); West Bromwich v Manchester City (7.0). Second division: Carlisle v Barnsley (7.0); Bradford v Rochdale (7.0); Sheffield Utd v York (7.0); Stockport v Rotherham (7.0); Wrexham v Blackpool (7.0). Third division: Doncaster v Chesterfield (7.0); Hull v Newcastle (7.0); Scarborough v Chester (7.0); Scunthorpe v Bury (7.0); Walsall v Wigan (7.0).

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Inter Cable-Tel; Caersws v Ebbw Vale (7.45); Cemaes Ynys Mon v Rhyl; Cwmbran v Rhayader Town; Flint Town v Total Net Solutions; Haverfordwest v Carmarthen Town.

OPTIMUM INTERIORS CAPITAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Doxhill Presidents Cup first round: Stevenage v Reading (7.45).

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury v Cray; V C D v Thamesmead

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Chard; Bridport v Tiverton; Brislington v Melksham; Chippenham v Bristol Manor Farm.

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Senior Division: Totternhoe v Houghton.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Kings Heath v G P T (Coventry)

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallen v Endsleigh; Kintbury v Didcot; Shortwood v Harrow Hill; Swindon Supermarine v Almondsbury; Tuffley v Highworth; Wantage v Fairford.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES: Premier division: Feltham v Farnham

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ramsbottom v Kidsgrove; St Helens v Atherton Collieries.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Eastleigh v Cowes Sports

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Spalding v Eynesbury.

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EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Sussex

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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Truro: Cornwall v Herefordshire. Brewood: Staffordshire v Lincolnshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Divisional Premiership
West Yorkshire pool
Hunslet v Bramley (7.30)

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Leeds v Featherstone; St Helens v Warrington; Wigan v Oldham

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4-5 Appyabo, 9-4 Demolition Jo, 10-1 French Connection, 12-1 Saint Albert, 20-1 Touch Of Colour, 33-1 Lesley's Adventure, Beau Vienna, 50-1 Billy Owl.

5.00 INVERESK LIMITED STAKES (£2,803: 7f 30yd) (6)

1 (4) 1120 WINTER SCOUT 39 (D,F,G,S) R Fahey 9-9-6 S Copp (5) 51
2 (5) 0221 IMPULSIVE AIR 10 (D,F) E Weymes 5-9-3 ... D Gibson [illegible]
3 (2) 0060 KESTON POND 10 (D,F,G) Mrs V Aconley 7-9-0 M Deering 51
4 (6) 0003 PANTHER 12 (V,F,G,S) P Evans 7-9-0 ... J F Egan 71
5 (7) 0002 DON'T WORRY MIKE 16 (B) F Lee 3-8-9 ... A Culhane 52
6 (3) 31-5 FEARLESS CAVALIER 21 (G,S) R Hollinshead 3-8-9 D Griffiths (3) 40

5-2 Impulsive Air, 3-1 Winter Scout, 7-2 Don't Worry Mike, 4-1 Fearless Cavalier, 6-1 Panther, 25-1 Keston Pond.

THUNDERER
5.20 High Low. 5.50 Andrelot. 6.20 Bayero. 6.50 Bourdonner. 7.20 Moving Force. 7.50 Movie Man.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.20 BURLINGTON SLATE CLAIMING HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,861: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 60-P BURES 67 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs J Brown 6-11-8 ... A Balding (5)
2 63-F RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 67 (F,G) S Pittendrigh 8-11-2 R Hale (5)
3 10-2 HAMADRYAD 11 (F,G) Mrs V Ward 9-10-10 ... R Thornton (3)
4 -233 HIGH LOW 4 (F,S) M Hammond 9-10-7 ... J Goldstein (7)
5 F1P- NIORD 109P (F) A Bailey 7-10-7 ... S Durack (7)
6 B5- STONE CROSS 2F M Todhunter 5-10-7 ... Miss P Robson (5)
7 130/ ON GOLDEN POND 813 (D,F,G) N Mason 7-10-2 E Babington (7)

15-8 High Low, 9-4 Hamadryad, 4-1 Ragamuffin Romeo, 6-1 Bures, 10-1 others.

5.50 COLONY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,572: 2m 6f) (6)

1 384- EARLYMORNING LIGHT 83 (CD,F) G Richards 8-12-0 A Dobbin
2 -223 ANDRELOT 18 (B,F,G) P Bowen 10-11-12 ... R Dunwoody
3 3/FU JOHNS THE BOY 29 (B,S) N Mason 11-10-7 ... R Guest
4 52-6 HURRICANE ANDREW 75 (F,G) J Moore 9-10-4 ... A P McCoy
5 1-20 BIT OF A DREAM 4 (CD,G) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 ... G F Ryan (5)
6 003- KARLOVAC 88 (F) S Chadwick 11-10-0 ... C McCormack (7)

8-11 Andrelot, 100-30 Earlymorning Light, 11-2 Johns The Boy, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Bowen, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; G Richards, 13 from 38, 34.2%; Mrs S Smith, 4 from 14, 28.6%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: R Johnson, 6 from 11, 54.5%; R Guest, 8 from 16, 50.0%; A McCoy, 4 from 8, 50.0%; A Dobbin, 11 from 29, 37.9%.

6.20 B N F L ENGINEERING NOVICES CHASE (£2,014: 3m 2f) (4)

1 1212 BAYERO 8 (F,G,S) J O'Shea 6-11-5 ... Michael Brennan (3)
2 P56- GREENFINCH 135 F Murtagh 6-10-12 ... A Dobbin
3 201/ PALLINGHAM STAR 451P (G) L Wells 7-10-12 ... A Thornton
4 650- WHITE DIAMOND 119 (F,S) Miss L Russell 9-10-12 D Reid (7)

4-11 Bayero, 7-2 Pallingham Star, 8-1 White Diamond, 33-1 Greenfinch.

6.50 OXLEY DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,183: 2m 6f) (4)

1 11-P COLORFUL AMBITION 75 (BF,D,F) Mrs A Swinbank 7-12-0 J Supple (3)
2 1-22 BOURDONNER 63 (BF,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-8 N Horrocks (7)
3 5-66 CHIEF MOUSE 11F (F,G) F Jordan 4-11-6 ... A P McCoy
4 1-30 NAME OF OUR FATHER 63 (F) P Bowen 4-11-3 .. R Johnson

Evens Bourdonner, 11-4 Colorful Ambition, 3-1 Chief Mouse, 8-1 Name Of Our Father.

7.20 GEC MARINE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,049: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 1-13 KNOW-NO-NO 38 (BF,F,G,S) M Hammond 8-12-0 ... R Garritty
2 -0F3 FENWICK'S BROTHER 25 (D,F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-4 .. R Guest
3 B10B CADDY'S FIRST 11 (F) S Mellor 5-10-0 ... B Powell
4 56P- WILD BROOK 103 B Ellison 7-10-0 ... D Parker (3)
5 RP-3 MOVING FORCE 9 (F,G) P Bowen 10-10-0 ... R Johnson

4-5 Know-No-No, 7-4 Fenwick's Brother, 8-1 Moving Force, 20-1 Caddy's First, Wild Brook.

7.50 VITAGRASS FARMS MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,145: 3m 2f) (4)

1 UPP- CORPORAL KIRKWOOD 119 M Todhunter 7-11-5 .. P Carberry
2 000- ITSAHARDLIFE 142 M Hammond 6-11-5 ... R Garritty
3 -4P2 MOVIE MAN 12 J Turner 5-11-5 ... R Supple
4 P/5 SECOND CONTRACT 38 W Kemp 7-11-5 ... S McDougall

1-3 Movie Man, 11-4 Second Contract, 20-1 Corporal Kirkwood, 33-1 Itsahardlife.

THUNDERER
5.30 Zorro. 6.00 Da Boss. 6.30 Secret Archive. 7.00 Mantles Star. 7.30 King Kato. 8.00 Speedy Classic.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.30 CARA APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,817: 1m 1f) (7 runners)

1 d112 INTERDREAM 12 (BF,F) R Hannon 9-7 ... R Smith (5) 3
2 0034 FIRST CHANCE 37 D Elsworth 9-5 ... J Fowle (5) 2
3 050 STORMY STORY 16 J Gosden 9-3 ... P Fredericks (3) 7
4 1006 SUMMERVILLE WOOD 12 (F) P Mooney 8-13 P Fitzsimons (5) 4
5 0654 BAUBIGNY 14 M Channon 8-8 ... A Eddery 1
6 1803 ZORRO 19 (BF,F) R Fisher 8-4 ... J Wilkinson 6
7 -300 CHALUZ 95 K Burke 7-12 ... P Doe 5

7-4 Interdream, 9-2 Zorro, 11-2 Stormy Story, 6-1 First Chance, Baubigny, 8-1 Summerville Wood, 16-1 Chaluz.

6.00 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,064: 6f) (24)

1 0 AFTER EIGHT 28 R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price 14
2 ALGALEB H Akbary 9-0 ... G Hind 4
3 36 DA BOSS 46 W Muir 9-0 ... J Reid 20
4 0 DAWN TREADER 16 R Hannon 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill 17
5 3 DI MATTEO 23 B Hanbury 9-0 ... W Ryan 19
6 0 JACK RUBY 14 P Gilligan 9-0 ... A Polli (5) 16
7 KOMISTAR P Harris 9-0 ... A Clark 12
8 5 MANTLES PRIDE 144 G Lewis 9-0 ... A Whelan (3) 5
9 46 MEMORIAL 95 R Hannon 9-0 ... C Rutter 11
10 06 OH SO EASY 7 B Meehan 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 23
11 00 PETANE 16 J Arnold 9-0 ... G Faulkner (5) 10
12 PLASTERED IN PARIS B Meehan 9-0 ... S Whitworth 22
13 POLISH PILOT W Muir 9-0 ... J Stack 15
14 0 PORTHILLY BUOY 35 M Haynes 9-0 ... M Connolly (7) 13
15 RHAPSODY IN BLUE A Turnell 9-0 ... N Adams 2
16 ROBERTY BOB P Walwyn 9-0 ... A McGlone 24
17 006 ROI DE DANSE 16 J Hills 9-0 ... R Hills 3
18 58 SADDLERS' ROE 55 B Hills 9-0 ... J D Smith (3) 6
19 6 SHARP STEEL 21 G L Moore 9-0 ... Candy Morris 7
20 00 TOM 30 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ... M Fenton 18
21 UTHER PENDRAGON J Bennett 9-0 ... Sophie Mitchell 8
22 5 ANGELINA 11 P Howling 8-9 ... D Young (7) 21
23 TATTINGER J Fanshawe 8-9 ... N Varley 1
24 50 TIARA 21 B Meehan 8-9 ... N Day 9

4-1 Da Boss, 6-1 Saddlers' Roe, 7-1 Di Matteo, 8-1 Mantles Pride, Tattinger, 10-1 Roi de Danse, Angelina, 12-1 others.

6.30 EBF IRISH POST MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,485: 7f) (17)

SKY

1 02 BALACLAVA 23 E Dunlop 9-0 ... W Ryan 1
2 CANADIAN PUZZLER P Harris 9-0 ... A Clark 4
3 CARIBBEAN MONARCH M Stoute 9-0 ... J Reid 13
4 6 GALLASH 28 J Gosden 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill 2
5 0 GREEN JACKET 39 J Dunlop 9-0 ... G Hind 5
6 MASHAB R Graham 9-0 ... R Hills 17
7 MISTER BENJAMIN S Woods 9-0 ... S Sanders 11
8 NOREASTERN P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter 10
9 00 RIVER BEAT 19 M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Clarke (7) 16
10 ROYAL GROUND M Channon 9-0 ... A Eddery (7) 3
11 3 SECRET ARCHIVE 19 R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 8
12 SENSORY B Hills 9-0 ... J D Smith (3) 6
13 6 TAVERNER SOCIETY 19 R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price 7
14 0 ZIMZIE 37 M Haynes 9-0 ... S Whitworth 9
15 INDY KNIGHT M Meade 8-9 ... F Norton 15
16 0 LA LYONESSE 20 J Hills 8-9 ... N Adams 12
17 MISS DILLETANTE R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... A McGlone 14

5-2 Secret Archive, 5-1 Balaclava, 6-1 Caribbean Monarch, 7-1 Gallash, 8-1 Noreastern, Royal Ground, 10-1 Green Jacket, Sensory, 16-1 others.

7.00 GUINNESS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,393: 7f) (7)

SKY

1 1 ALBOOSTAN 22 (D,G) D Morley 9-2 ... R Hills 5
2 21 MOWBRAY 15 (D,F) P Cole 9-2 ... J Reid 3
3 1 PRICELESS 13 (F) W Haggas 9-2 ... F Lynch 7
4 13 THE GLOW-WORM 39 (D,S) B Hills 9-2 ... J D Smith (3) 2
5 1422 WREKIN PILOT 19 (BF,C,G) R Hannon 9-2 ... Dane O'Neill 1
6 512 MANTLES STAR 18 (D) G Lewis 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 4
7 EAGLE'S CROSS R Charlton 8-8 ... S Sanders 6

5-2 Alboostan, 3-1 Wrekin Pilot, 5-1 Mantles Star, 6-1 Priceless, 7-1 The Glow-Worm, 8-1 Mowbray, 12-1 Eagle's Cross.

7.30 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP (£5,136: 1m 4f) (12)

SKY

1 0360 HOH EXPRESS 10 (D,G,S) I Balding 5-10-0 ... S Whitworth 5
2 -314 KING KATO 25 (BF,D,F) Mrs A Perrett 4-9-13 ... J Reid 10
3 0446 ARTIC COURIER 10 (CD,F,G) D Cosgrove 6-9-7 ... J Stack 6
4 1-00 FILIAL 44 (D,F) B Meehan 4-9-3 ... M Tebbutt 8
5 2601 AL'S ALIBI 16 (D,G,S) W Muir 4-9-3 ... Dane O'Neill 12
6 31 RIDAIYMA 68 (D,F) L Cumani 3-9-2 ... Pat Eddery 1
7 15-3 MYRTLEBANK 41 (S) H Cecil 3-8-13 ... W Ryan 2
8 14 ARCTIC OWL 54 (G) J Fanshawe 3-8-13 ... N Day 4
9 1122 ISLAND SANCTUARY 19 (BF,G) P Makin 3-8-12 ... S Sanders 7
10 -334 TYPHOON EIGHT 27 (D,G) R Armstrong 5-8-11 ... R Price 11
11 5221 MUTADARRA 26 (F,G) W Musson 4-8-10 ... J D Smith (3) 3
12 2004 NORDANSK 28 (CD,F) M Madgwick 8-7-10 ... N Varley 9

3-1 Ridaiyma, 5-1 Al's Alibi, 13-2 King Kato, 7-1 Myrtlebank, 8-1 Typhoon Eight, Mutadarra, 10-1 Island Sanctuary, 12-1 others.

8.00 LONDON IRISH RFC HANDICAP (£2,960: 7f) (17)

SKY

1 0000 KNOBBLEENEEZE 11 (V,D,F,G,S) M Channon 7-10-0 Candy Morris 12
2 4524 DUELLO 12 (BF,D,F,S) M Blanshard 6-9-13 ... W Ryan 5
3 3021 STAND TALL 15 (D,F,G) Lady Herries 5-9-12 ... Paul Eddery 14
4 0063 KILVINE 21 (F) W Haggas 4-9-12 ... F Lynch 11
5 1000 MANSAB 6 (D) P Murphy 4-9-11 ... N Day 15
6 -805 SIMPLE LOGIC 11 (C,G) A Foster 3-9-10 ... J Reid 2
7 3192 FARLEY GREEN 23 (D,F) H Candy 3-9-8 ... C Rutter 9
8 5000 MASTERPIECE 21 R Hannon 3-9-7 ... Dane O'Neill 1
9 06-0 POLAR PROSPECT 11 (D,F) B Hanbury 4-9-5 ... G Hind 3
10 6423 DUMMER GOLF TIME 13 (V,D,F) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-5 Pat Eddery 4
11 4003 MISTY POINT 19 I Balding 3-9-5 ... S Whitworth 10
12 8000 BAYIN 11 (C,F,G,S) M Usher 8-9-4 ... D Street 8
13 4025 SPEEDY CLASSIC 17 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 8-9-3 ... A Clark 16
14 0090 FLYING COLOURS 37 C Benstead 3-9-3 ... A McGlone 7
15 2008 MR SPEAKER 39 (F) C Wall 4-9-3 ... S Sanders 6
16 645 LORD OBERON 12 (F,G) J Akehurst 9-9-3 ... M Tebbutt 17
17 3420 STAR TURN 18 M Bell 3-9-1 ... M Fenton 13

5-1 Dummer Golf Time, 6-1 Stand Tall, 7-1 Farley Green, 8-1 Duello, Misty Point, 10-1 Bayin, 14-1 Mansab, Masterpiece, Speedy Classic, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Armstrong, 7 winners from 32 runners, 21.9%; M Stoute, 19 from 94, 20.2%; M Haynes, 4 from 20, 20.0%; R Johnson Houghton, 5 from 28, 17.9%; R Charlton, 10 from 58, 17.2%; H Cecil, 10 from 62, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 42 winners from 210 rides, 20.0%; J Reid, 26 from 168, 15.5%; R Price, 4 from 28, 14.3%; R Hills, 11 from 98, 11.2%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: York: 2.05 Kuala Lipis, Najm Mubeen, Wilcuma, 4.15 Burnt Yates, Constant Attention; 5.15 Bayford Thrust. Leicester: 8.10 Prairie Minstrel.

York

Going: good

2.05 (6f 214yd) 1, SARATOGA SPRINGS (M J Kinane, 9-1); †2, Chester House (K Fallon, 13-8 fav); †2, Mutawwaj (L Dettori, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 7 Jazz Club (6th), Merlin's Ring (5th), Teapot Row (4th), 9 Le-Fesh, Mr Cahill, 40 Lone Piper. 9 ran. 5l, dht, 1¾l, 1l, 5l. A O'Brien at County Carlow. Tote: £14.00; £2.40, Chester House £1.20, Mutawwaj £2.00. DF: Saratoga Springs, Chester House £7.60, Saratoga Springs, Mutawwaj £15.40. Trio: £21.20. CSF: Saratoga Springs, Chester House £11.44, Saratoga Springs, Mutawwaj £33.39.

2.35 (1m 7f 195yd) 1, DOUBLE ECLIPSE (M Roberts, 5-2: Timekeeper's top rating); 2, Samraan (L Dettori, 9-1); 3, Windsor Castle (S Sanders, 5-1) ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Celeric (4th), 6 Election Day (5th), 12 Corradini (6th). 6 ran. 2½l, 1¾l, 4l, 8l, 30l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £2.60. DF: £18.80. CSF: £21.07.

3.10 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, SINGSPIEL (L Dettori, 4-1), 2, Desert King (M J Kinane, 6-1), 3, Benny The Dip (W Ryan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Bosra Sham (4th). 4 ran. 1½l, 1¾l, 1¾l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00. DF: £8.90. CSF: £20.82.

3.45 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, STOWAWAY (L Dettori, 6-5 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Silver Patriarch (Pat Eddery, 15-8); 3, Kingfisher Mill (M J Kinane, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Apprehension (4th), 50 Garuda (5th). 5 ran. ½l, 1¾l, 4l, 24l. S bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £1.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.22.

4.15 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, SAUSALITO BAY (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Mithak (R Hills, 10-1); 3, [illegible] (L Dettori, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Zerpour, 100-30 High Intrigue, 10 Georgia Venture (5th), 16 Happy Minstral, Solo Mio, 20 Ciro's Pearl, Cyrian (6th), 25 Papua, 66 Marathon Maid (4th). 12 ran. 6l, 2½l, 5l, nk, ½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £10.00; £2.20, £3.30, £1.80. DF: £56.10. Trio: £62.40. CSF: £97.90. Tricast: £392.58.

4.45 (6f) 1, PLAISIR D'AMOUR (Pat Eddery, 8-1 jt-fav); 2, Tiler (D Holland, 8-1 jt-fav); 3, Blessingindisguise (M J Kinane, 9-1); 4, World Premier (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Almuhimm, Mr Bergerac, 12 Mr Teigh (6th), Music Gold, 14 Benzoe (5th), Double Oscar, 16 Dawwe, Madly Sharp, Penyston View, 20 Grey Kingdom, Present Generation, Purple Fling, Royal Dome, Venture Capitalist, Zuhair, 25 Lago di Varano, Silca Key Silca, Young Bigwig, 33 The Gay Fox. 23 ran. ¾l, hd, shd, 1½l, 2l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £8.20; £2.30, £2.00, £2.10, £2.80. DF: £28.30. Trio: £82.80. CSF: £61.79. Tricast: £583.42.

5.15 (6f 214yd) 1, OPTIMISTIC (D Biggs, 11-2); 2, Alconleigh (M Roberts, 5-1 fav); 3, Flower O'Cannie (M J Kinane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 King Darius (6th), 15-2 Carbon (5th), 8 Bernardo Bellotto, Simply Gifted (4th), 10 Sick As A Parrot, 11 Zilal, 12 Cool Secret, Half A Knicker, 16 Colonel Custer, 25 Lakeland Pride, Leofric. 14 ran. NR: Cage Aux Folles. 3l, ¾l, nk, nk, 3l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £6.40; £2.30, £2.10, £5.30. DF: £20.60. Trio: £144.10. CSF: £33.98. Tricast: £245.75.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £58,508.09 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £106.40. Quadpot: £20.30.

Folkestone

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.20 (6f 189yd) 1, Star of Grosvenor (R Havlin, 8-1); 2, Metata (11-4); 3, Ratiyya (25-1). Silca Key Service 15-8 fav. 15 ran. ¾l, 1½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £20.20; £4.40, £1.20, £7.30. DF: £16.30. Trio: £254.20. CSF: £21.32.

2.50 (6f 189yd) 1, Won't Forget Me (M Henry, 5-4 fav); 2, Pianist (3-1); 3, Filgrave (10-1). 6 ran. ¾l, hd. M Tompkins. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £4.60. CSF: £5.00.

3.25 (1m 4f) 1, Norsong (Paul Eddery, 8-1); 2, Zamalek (9-2); 3, Country Thatch (4-1 fav). 12 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. J Akehurst. Tote: £10.60; £3.10, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £17.50. Trio: £24.40. CSF: £41.89. Tricast: £157.34.

4.00 (6f) 1, Silver Secret (A Clark, Evens fav); 2, Dorado Beach (6-1); 3, Turners Way (7-1). 8 ran. 2½l, sh hd. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £4.50. CSF: £6.08.

4.30 (6f) 1, Sharp Imp (Martin Dwyer, 6-1); 2, Bold Tina (9-1); 3, Pride Of Hayling (9-2 fav). 14 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. R Flower. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £3.10, £2.40. DF: £42.90. Trio: £58.80. CSF: £45.94.

5.00 (2m 93yd) 1, Chelmsford Daughter (C Teague, 7-1); 2, Perlethorpe (11-4); 3, Imperial Glen (16-1). Sun Alert 13-8 fav. 7 ran. 2½l, 8l. J Pearce. Tote: £9.40; £3.70, £2.80. DF: £10.40. CSF: £28.12.

Placepot: £28.30.

Quadpot: £7.10.

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RACING: DETTORI LAVISHES HIGH PRAISE ON HIS JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES WINNER

Singspiel shows hallmark of true champion

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

WITH the Ashes returning to Australia, our athletes suffering from a severe dose of seconditis and Tiger Woods having eclipsed Faldo, Ballesteros and Co, Britain can do with every world champion it can muster. And yesterday one was acclaimed amid tumultuous scenes on the Knavesmire.

After watching the Juddmonte International Stakes, in which Singspiel and Frankie Dettori beat the Derby winners from Epsom and the Curragh along with the mighty Bosra Sham, the best horse Henry Cecil has trained, the knowledgable York crowd gave full vent to their appreciation of horse and rider.

Such public displays of excitement and approval used to be reserved for an entirely different kind of sport three centuries ago when they hung highwaymen, sheep stealers and other ne'er-do-wells on the Knavesmire. And Dettori was the very man to sense the importance of the occasion.

After returning to the winner's enclosure with arms aloft, he threw his whip in the style of a javelin towards the weighing room, treated the crowd to his copyright leap from the saddle — before lauding Singspiel.

"He is undoubtedly the heavyweight champion horse of the world. He has beaten them all now; Bosra Sham, Helissio and the top American horses. Full credit must go to Michael Stoute because Singspiel had a hard race [in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes] at Ascot, but he has come back and that is the sign of a true champion.

"After defeat he has come back and won a race of this magnitude. Let's not forget, horses are not machines. Sometimes they get beaten.

"No doubt, he is the best horse I have ridden and I have ridden some great horses, like Lammtarra and Halling, but, for all-round performance and guts, he has to be the best horse in the world."

Even Michael Stoute, not a man easily given to hyperbole, was moved to exclaim: "He's a proper pro. What a display. He was always travelling so well one didn't have an anxious moment. It was a superbly professional display."

Incredibly, the winner of the Dubai World Cup, Japan Cup, Canadian International Stakes and Coronation Cup, was allowed to go off at 4-1 as punters backed Bosra Sham down to 5-4 on. "I just whispered to Singspiel, they have insulted you again old boy," Stoute said.

Benny The Dip set a reasonable pace but Singspiel came cruising past just over two furlongs from home and Desert King stayed on well inside the last 200 yards to grab the minor honours.

Turning for home, Bosra Sham lost a shoe from the hoof she bruised last week and never looked a danger. "I am not making any excuses; a very good horse won," Henry Cecil, her trainer, said. "But losing a shoe did not help. I was a bit disappointed. I think she can do better than that, but there will be another day."

Singspiel has now run his last race in Europe. His final target will at the Breeders' Cup in the United States, where the Classic is the most likely option. He may have a prep race there beforehand.

With Dettori on such a high, he galvanised Stowaway into producing his best performance to beat Silver Patriarch, the Derby runner-up, in the Great Voltigeur Stakes. The Godolphin horse is now 2-1 favourite with the Tote for the St Leger.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Dettori signals his delight as Singspiel storms clear in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York yesterday

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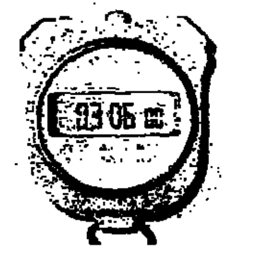

TIMEKEEPER CLOCKS ON

TIMEKEEPER, the new ratings service exclusive to the readers of The Times, got off to a flying start at York yesterday when the day's top-rated, Double Eclipse, obliged at 5-2. He also pinpointed Sausalito Bay at 10-1. The service is based on speed figures rather than subjective judgment of form and it is possible to identify a useful horse from a single performance in a small race long before it becomes established as a star. Timekeeper's ratings will appear for the two main meetings each day, with a variable top figure reflecting a horse's achievement against the clock. The figures, compiled by James Willoughby, take into account the going, wind and weight carried against a set of standard times for each distance on each course. The rating will reflect the best performance from the horse's last six runs and the top-rated in each race will be highlighted.

THUNDERER

2.05 Generous Gift
2.35 Whitewater Affair
3.10 Colour Code
3.45 Lord Kintyre
4.15 **PIERPOINT** (nap)
4.45 Chieftain
5.15 Bayford Thrust

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.45 **LORD KINTYRE.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 **MY EMMA** (nap). 3.45 Bold Fact. 4.45 Chieftain.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
SIS

2.05 MOTABILITY RATED HANDICAP

C4

(£13,581: 1m 2f 85yd) (16 runners)

101	(5)	061440-	FREQUENT 284 (F,S) (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 4-9-7	K Darley	102
102	(13)	0510050	PRINCE OF MY HEART 11 (C,G,S) (S Hicks) B Hills 4-9-7	L Dettori	97
103	(2)	11-3006	WILCUMA 25 (B,CD,F,G,S) (T Warner) P Makin 6-9-5	M J Kinane	81
104	(7)	110-101	PRESENT ARMS 25 (D,F,S) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-9-5	Pat Eddery	82
105	(3)	-421113	CHAMPAGNE PRINCE 22 (D,F,G) (Magnum Force) P Harris 4-9-8	C Lowther (5)	102
106	(10)	212	ILLUSION 35 (C,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-9-0	J Reid	82
107	(4)	-532532	GAME PLOY 25 (BF,D,F,G) (K Kyoseon) D Haydn Jones 5-9-0	R Cochrane	101
108	(9)	1-24153	HARRY WOLTON 12 (F) (Old Road Securities) H Cecil 3-8-13	K Fallon	97
109	(16)	2-31011	DANISH RHAPSODY 22 (D,F) (C Hardy) Lady Herries 4-8-13	Paul Eddery	100
110	(12)	2-30020	NAJM MUBEEN 22 (V,D,F,G) (A al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8-13	M Roberts	103
111	(6)	-121202	SUPPLY AND DEMAND 19 (F,S) (Action) G L Moore 3-8-10	S Sanders	109
112	(8)	1020004	KUALA LIPIS 25 (B,C,F) (A Stan) P Cole 4-8-9	O Peslier	83
113	(1)	0-16040	AMYAS 19 (BF,C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 3-8-7	M Hills	106
114	(15)	1265063	MAJOR CHANGE 17 (D,F) (Two In One Plus) Miss G Kelleway 5-8-7	J Fortune	106
115	(14)	0344611	SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 17 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sandmoor Ltd) T Easterby 6-8-7	J Carroll	104
116	(11)	2-25100	GENEROUS GIFT 19 (F) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-8-3	G Carter	[illegible]

Long handicap: Sandmoor Chambray 8-4.

BETTING: 13-2 Present Arms, 7-1 Game Ploy, Harry Wolton, Danish Rhapsody, 8-1 Wilcuma, Champagne Prince, Illusion, 10-1 others.

1996: AMRAK AJEEB 4-9-0 M Rimmer (20-1) B Hanbury 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

Present Arms stayed on well to beat Game Ploy (5lb better off) 2½l in 1¼m Ascot (soft). Illusion ¾l 2nd to Infilrab in 1m Doncaster stakes (good to firm). Harry Wolton ran well when 3¼l 3rd to Annus Mirabilis in 1¼m Newmarket stakes (good to firm). Danish Rhapsody beat Another Time ½l in 1¼m Goodwood handicap (good to firm) with Champagne Prince (4lb better off) 1½l 3rd, Prince Of My Heart (5lb better off) 2l 5th and Najm Mubeen (5lb better off) 2¼l 9th. Supply And Demand ran with credit when 1½l 2nd to Future Perfect 1¼m Goodwood handicap (good to firm) with Generous Gift (5lb better off) 5¾l 8th and Amyas (3lb better off) 15l 13th.

The improving HARRY WOLTON is preferred to Present Arms

2.35 ASTON UPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS

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(Group I: £97,345: 1m 3f 195yd) (8 runners)

201	(7)	/5131-3	MY EMMA 31 (D,F,G) (Matthews Racing) R Guest 4-9-4	D Holland	95+
202	(2)	224-123	PAPERING 18 (C,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-9-4	Pat Eddery	107
203	(8)	24-1331	WHITEWATER AFFAIR 17 (D,F,G,S) (J Greetham) M Stoute 4-9-4	J Reid	[illegible]
204	(5)	2604404	ALCALALI 19 (L Norris) P Kelleway 3-8-8	J Fortune	92
205	(1)	4-02203	ATTITRE 46 (F) (R Plesiger) C Brittain 3-8-8	M Roberts	96
206	(3)	1-4133	CROWN OF LIGHT 82 (BF,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-8	O Peslier	115
207	(6)	111-611	REAMS OF VERSE 75 (C,D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-8	K Fallon	120
208	(4)	11-11	SQUEAK 46 (D,F,G) (G Tanaka) J Gosden 3-8-8	L Dettori	72+

BETTING: 4-7 Reams Of Verse, 4-1 Whitewater Affair, 13-2 Crown Of Light, 8-1 Papering, 12-1 others.

1996: KEY CHANGE 3-8-8 J Murtagh (7-1) J Oxx (Ire) 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

My Emma was creditable ½l 3rd to Surgeon in 1m 4½f group II Maisons-Laffitte (good). Whitewater Affair stayed on strongly to beat Otaiti 1½l in 1m 5½f group II Deauville stakes (good). Crown Of Light 13l 3rd to Yashmak in 1½m group II Ascot stakes (good) with Alcalali (same terms) 13l 4th. Reams Of Verse, after meeting interference, beat Gazelle Royale 1½l in 1½m group 1 Oaks at Epsom (good to firm) with Crown Of Light (same terms) 2¼l 3rd and Attitre 31l 10th. Squeak beat Tulipa short head in 1m 3½f group III Haydock stakes (good) with Attitre (same terms) 1¾l 3rd.

REAMS OF VERSE has class to beat Whitewater Affair

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	27	100	27.0	O Peslier	3	9	33.3
D Loder	12	45	26.7	T Sprake	3	11	27.3
W Hern	5	20	25.0	L Dettori	44	194	22.7
M Stoute	26	127	20.5	M Kinane	15	87	17.2
J Gosden	19	94	20.2	Pat Eddery	34	204	16.7

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

3.10 TOTE EBOR HANDICAP

C4

(£100,091: 1m 5f 194yd) (22 runners)

301	(16)	322-212	TAUFAN'S MELODY 60 (F,G,S) (All At Sea) Lady Herries 6-9-10	R Cochrane	90
302	(11)	106-341	GORDI 32 (F,G) (A Pardoes) D Weld (Ire) 4-9-10	M J Kinane	94
303	(8)	100-064	BETTER OFFER 19 (F,G) (Lady Harrison) Mrs A Perrett 5-9-4	Pat Eddery	90
304	(20)	303-224	FURTHER FLIGHT 39 (CD,F,G,S) (S W-Digby) B Hills 11-9-4	M Hills	95
305	(5)	42004-3	DARAYDAN 61 (BF,F,G) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-9-2	K Darley	86+
306	(6)	151-032	WILLIE CONQUER 39 (BF,F) (R Tooth) R Akehurst 5-8-12	S Sanders	95
307	(18)	414-1	MOHAWK RIVER 18 (C,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-8-12 (4ex)	J Reid	90
308	(19)	05-2155	TOP CEES 22 (F,G,S) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8-10	J Fortune	88
309	(15)	061111	MEDIA STAR 22 (V,D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 4-8-6 (7ex)	L Dettori	106
310	(12)	-003031	DOCKLANDS LIMO 37 (F,G) (Mrs L Olley) B McMath 4-8-4	M Roberts	82
311	(17)	131-522	PUCE 22 (C,G) (Fitocks Stud) L Cumani 4-8-2	R Ffrench (3)	113
312	(22)	-361054	DREAMS END 32 (BF,C,D,G,S) (T Pryce) P Bowen 9-8-1	G Carter	112
313	(4)	0-221	PURIST 49 (S) (R Barnett) M Stoute 3-8-0	F Lynch	105
314	(2)	31/64	BIMSEY 21 (D,F) (Mrs J Ryan) R Akehurst 7-8-0	J Quinn	104
315	(10)	-461002	FAR AHEAD 11 (F,S) (Surpak Potatoes) J Eyre 5-8-0	T Williams	[illegible]
316	(21)	-141020	PREMIER NIGHT 22 (F,G) (D Cheston) S Dow 4-7-13	Martin Dwyer (3)	97
317	(14)	2234	COLOUR CODE 32 (BF) (B Walker) Mrs A Swinbank 5-7-13	G Duffield	112
318	(3)	2125132	RAFFLES ROOSTER 17 (C,S) (M Latham) A Newcombe 5-7-10	R Winston (7)	92
319	(7)	5-26150	PRAIRIE FALCON 21 (G) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 3-7-10	P Fessey (3)	108
320	(1)	45/605-	FOUNDRY LANE 350 (D,F,S) (A Stannett) Mrs M Reveley 6-7-10	L Charnock	—
321	(9)	21-0805	TOTEM DANCER 18 (BF,D,G) (Diamond Racing) J Eyre 4-7-10	J Lowe	74+
322	(13)	1056311	TURGENEV 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Tranmer) R Bastiman 8-7-10 (4ex)	F Norton	96

Long handicap: Prairie Falcon 7-9, Foundry Lane 7-7, Totem Dancer 7-1, Turgenev 7-0.

BETTING: 7-2 Media Star, 4-1 Puce, 8-1 Willie Conquer, Mohawk River, Purist, Bimsey, 12-1 Gordi, Dreams End, Raffles Rooster, 16-1 others.

1996: CLERKENWELL 3-8-0 F Lynch (17-2) M Stoute 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

Gordi returned to winning form by beating Camelly 1l in 1½m listed Leopardstown stakes (good). Willie Conquer 1½l 2nd to Benatom in 1¾m York handicap (good to firm) with Further Flight (6lb better off) 4¾l 4th and Better Offer (8lb better off) 22l 8th. Mohawk River made impressive reappearance to beat Military ¾l in 1¼m Newmarket handicap (good). The progressive Media Star beat Puce (7lb better off) 2½l in 1¾m Goodwood handicap (good to firm) with Top Cees (7lb better off) 9l 5th and Premier Night (7lb better off) 12l 8th. Purist beat Liffre 2½l in 1m 3½f Yarmouth maiden stakes (soft). Bimsey struggled when good).

MEDIA STAR can confirm Goodwood running with Puce

3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK STAKES

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(Group II: 2-Y-O: £72,307: 6f) (7 runners)

401	(7)	131	BOLD FACT 42 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	116
402	(3)	1	ARIANT 33 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	73+
403	(1)	14	CARROWKEEL 8 (S) (Sheikh M al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11	Pat Eddery	98
404	(6)	01	EASTERN PURPLE 14 (D,F) (T Chiang) R Fahey 8-11	J Carroll	71
405	(5)	1	HEADHUNTER 35 (D,G) (Highclere Thoroughbreds) W Haggas 8-11	M Hills	100
406	(2)	41412	LORD KINTYRE 20 (D,F) (M Calvert) B Millman 8-11	T Sprake	[illegible]
407	(4)	21	SOCIAL CHARTER 7 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	102

BETTING: 11-8 Bold Fact, 7-2 Lord Kintyre, 9-2 Social Charter, 5-1 Ariant, 8-1 Headhunter, 12-1 Eastern Purple, 16-1 Carrowkeel.

1996: ABOU ZOUZ 8-11 L Dettori (4-1) D Loder 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

Bold Fact, despite hanging badly, beat Linden Heights 2l in 6f group III Newmarket stakes (good). Ariant ran on well to beat Sabhaan neck in 6f Newbury stakes (good to firm). Headhunter beat Stone Of Destiny 1¼l in 6f Yarmouth stakes (good). Lord Kintyre was creditable 1½l 2nd to Daggers Drawn in 6f group II Goodwood stakes (good to firm). Social Charter improved from debut to beat Majaari 3l in 6f Salisbury stakes (good to firm).

LORD KINTYRE has solid chance on Goodwood running

Lucky escape at Folkestone

TWELVE riders and their horses had a lucky escape from a serious pile-up when a car appeared in front of them during a race at Folkestone yesterday. The field had completed three furlongs and were taking the right-hand bend after the stands when an estate car, being used by caterers, drove across the course and narrowly missed the field.

4.15 ROUS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £11,523: 6f) (20)

501	(17)	0	ASBESTASWECAN 14 [illegible] 8-11	M Hills	46
502	(6)	053554	BURNT YATES 16 (B) [illegible] 8-11	R Cochrane	78
503	(14)	0354226	CUMBRIAN CADET 19 [illegible] T Easterby 8-11	K Fallon	69
504	(2)	0000	DIBOLA 30 (S Pedersen) [illegible] 8-11	D McKeown	—
505	(16)	6	JUSTIN HOPE 14 [illegible] 8-11	J Carroll	71
506	(19)	1213	PIERPOINT 32 (BF,F) (R Fahey) R Fahey 8-11	M J Kinane	76
507	(3)		SAFARI SAM (R Leach) M Tompkins 8-11	D Biggs	—
508	(8)	1224431	SANDSIDE 7 (F,G,S) [illegible] J Berry 8-11	P Fessey (3)	91
509	(10)	0	THECOMEBACKKING 131 (C Shearer) [illegible] Williams 8-11	D Williams (7)	—
510	(5)	0650	TOP FLOOR 14 (Leeds Plywood & Doors) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	71
511	(13)	15640	BLUSHING VICTORIA 4 (F) [illegible] M Meade 8-6	T Sprake	85
512	(11)	040	BOLLINGER ROSE 16 [illegible] 8-6	L Dettori	72
513	(15)	131	CHINAIDER 11 (D,F) (A Lomas) M Pipe 8-6	K Darley	98
514	(4)	3113025	CLASSY CLEO 30 (F,G) (Mrs A Kane) P Hannon 8-6	Pat Eddery	90
515	(1)	206	CONSTANT ATTENTION 14 (B) [illegible] P Cole 8-6	O Peslier	64
516	(9)	6430	DEVA LADY 16 [illegible] 8-6	J Fortune	72
517	(7)	0	HELENES HILL 79 [illegible] 8-6	G Duffield	—
518	(18)	650	LEATHER AND SCRIM 44 (First Past The Post) D Nicholls 8-6	A Nicholls (7)	61
519	(20)	5016	MILL END QUEST 28 (G) [illegible] M W Easterby 8-6	T Lucas	68
520	(12)	04	STATELY FAVOUR 6 [illegible] M Camacho 8-6	L Charnock	74

BETTING: 13-2 Pierpoint, Sandside, Classy Cleo, 7-1 Burnt Yates, Chinaider, 10-1 Cumbrian Cadet, Mill End Quest, Stately Favour, 12-1 others

1996: LAMORNA 8-6 Pat Eddery (6-1) M Channon 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

Burnt Yates showed ability when 4¼l 4th to Cool Secret in 6f Redcar nursery (good to firm). Pierpoint was not disgraced when 3l 3rd to Regal Revolution in 6f Ayr nursery (good to firm) with Sandside (8lb better off) 13l last. Sandside subsequently beat Oriel Girl short head in 5f Hamilton claimer (good). Chinaider beat Erro Codigo 1½l in 6f Redcar seller (good to firm). Classy Cleo dropped in class after 9¾l 5th to Jay Gee in 6f Windsor stakes (good to firm)

PIERPOINT should prove too speedy for Classy Cleo

4.45 ROSES STAKES

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £12,338: 5f) (7 runners)

601	(6)	01	BAY PRINCE 3 (D,F) (D Shepherd) M Channon 8-11	J Carroll	95
602	(7)	432	CHIEFTAIN 11 (BF) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-11	M J Kinane	108
603	(1)	211	ISLAMABAD 39 (D,F) (A Hussain) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	100
604	(4)	2311	MOONTABEH 10 (F) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	R Cochrane	102
605	(3)	51	THE LIMPING CAT 26 (D,F) (S Whitaker) E Morgan 8-11	D McKeown	88
606	(5)	11	TITANIC 23 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	86+
607	(2)	4021440	YORKIES BOY 18 (BF,D,F) (Mrs M Beddis) B McMahon 8-11	K Darley	94

BETTING: 11-8 Titanic, 3-1 Islamabad, 4-1 Moontabeh, 11-2 Chieftain, 12-1 The Limping Cat, 16-1 Yorkies Boy, 20-1 Bay Prince

1996: JAMB 8-11 R Hills (9-2) H Thomson Jones 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

Bay Prince quick reappearance after beating Misty Moor 6l in 5f maiden at Pontefract (good to firm). Chieftain slowly away and can improve on 5l 2nd to useful Salamanca in 5f conditions race at Lingfield (good). Islamabad stepped back in distance after beating Heavenly Abstone 1¾l in 6f conditions race at Chester (good to firm). Moontabeh stiffer task than when beating Sassy neck in 6f nursery at Yarmouth. Titanic useful form to beat Prince Foley 1¾l in 5f conditions race at Yarmouth (good to firm).

CHIEFTAIN can get away on terms this time and hold Titanic and Islamabad

5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £11,355: 5f) (14 runners)

1	(10)	1115103	TREASURE TOUCH 13 (D,F,S) (N Honeyman) D Nicholls 3-7	R Cochrane	85
2	(6)	1660023	DANCETHENIGHTAWAY 19 (D,F,S) (G Bosley) B Meehan 9-6	G Hannon (7)	77
3	(11)	1016105	PRINCE DOME 26 (D,F,S) (G Jones) M Wane 9-5	L Dettori	85
4	(14)	1-65432	POLISH WARRIOR 40 (B,BF,D,F) (M Burke's Settlement) T Barron 9-5	J Carroll	78
5	(9)	0-00040	VAX STAR 16 (B,D,G) (Vax Ltd) J Spearing 3-4	J Fortune	82
6	(13)	1003620	BRUTAL FANTASY 4 (D,F,G) (Demarco Racing) J Eyre 9-4	R Lappin	70
7	(11)	304-011	TOP OF THE FORM 13 (CD,F,G) (Swan at Whalley) R Fahey 8-13	R Winston (7)	71
8	(12)	0-132	MARY MAGDALENE 20 (D,S) (Lord Lloyd-Webber) M Bell 8-9	M J Kinane	94
9	(5)	0322352	BAYFORD THRUST 13 (B,D,G) (Mrs J Turner) J Berry 8-8	P Fessey (3)	98
10	(7)	03661	BUTRINTO 19 (F) (Lady Rothschild) W Hern 8-8	T Sprake	73
11	(8)	2111112	DISTINCTIVE DREAM 12 (D,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-8	Martin Dwyer (3)	91
12	(3)	3651	BAHAMIAN BEAUTY 23 (D,G) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-7	O Peslier	73+
13	(2)	4314341	SHALSTAYHOLY 27 (D,F,G) (J B R Leisure) G L Moore 8-4	J Quinn	95
14	(4)	114	PIZZICATO 21 (BF,D,F) (R Moore) R Williams 7-11	R Ffrench (3)	91

BETTING: 9-2 Bahamian Beauty, 13-2 Prince Dome, Distinctive Dream, 7-1 Dancethenightaway, 8-1 Butrinto, 10-1 Treasure Touch, Polish Warrior, Top Of The Form, 12-1 others

1996: BLUE IRIS 9-7 P Robinson (11-1) M Jarvis 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

Polish Warrior continued revival when ¾l 2nd to The Gay Fox in 5f handicap at Chester (good to firm). Top Of The Form enterprisingly ridden to beat Bayford Thrust 2l and Treasure Touch further ¼l in 5f claimer at Pontefract (good to firm). Winner will be hard pressed to confirm the form. Mary Magdalene good effort against improving rival when neck 2nd to Always On My Mind in 6f handicap at Doncaster (good). Butrinto open to improvement after beating First Principle 1¼l in 6f maiden at Salisbury (good to firm). Distinctive Dream continued massive improvement when ½l 2nd to Mr Bergerac in 6f handicap at Newmarket (good to firm). Bahamian Beauty stiffer task than when beating Tithcar 2½l in 5f maiden at Newcastle (good). Shalstayholy beat Kilcullen Lad ½l in 5f handicap at Sandown (good to firm).

POLISH WARRIOR is running into form and can take an open affair

Double Eclipse lights up York

By Chris McGrath

IT IS not often that a trainer boasts about sending a horse to the races half-fit. But at York yesterday Mark Johnston was the pride of his adopted county after Double Eclipse, trained "on three legs" at nearby Middleham, bravely won the Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Stakes.

The Scotsman has not been able to work Double Eclipse properly since he injured a tendon last May. Yet, inched up to half-fit, he made all to beat Samraan by two and a half lengths.

Double Eclipse is as tough as he is fragile. Michael Roberts, who thought "the engine had fallen out" in the back straight, had to wind the handle energetically to get him started, still more to keep him going. But one flat tyre has not diminished the horsepower.

"He would have been a real superstar, the stayer of the century, if only you could train him properly," Johnston said. "This is very satisfying, but you can never really enjoy it, because you always worry when he races — and for the next 24 hours. We swim him every day, but he simply wasn't fit enough at Goodwood."

There, he reminded one of those who consider that Mark Waugh is the world's best batsmen: others feel that he is not even the best in his family. It is the same with Double Eclipse, whose brother, Double Trigger, beat him into third in the Goodwood Cup.

Jason Weaver, who chose Double Eclipse that day, was suspended yesterday but was first to congratulate his employer, sharing the genuine affection the Double brothers have inspired among the racing public.

Aidan O'Brien is not sufficiently demonstrative to have cultivated such a following — yet. He fitted Saratoga Springs with a visor in the Deploy Acomb Stakes, and was rewarded by an impressive defeat of Chester House. "It helped him concentrate, helped him to learn," O'Brien said. "He was always travelling best and could be very good." Saratoga Springs is 20-1 for the 2,000 Guineas with Coral, who trimmed his stable companion, King Of Kings, to 8-1 from 10-1.

The latter continues to divide opinion: champion or charlatan? "He's just starting to love it," O'Brien said. "He knows to get to the front, but thinks he has done enough when he gets there."

Apprentice hurt

THE claiming rider Daragh O'Donohoe, was forced to give up his rides at Folkestone yesterday and is not expected to resume until tomorrow after a gallops fall. His agent, Martin Raymond, said yesterday: "He had a fall at work. He's just a bit bruised but otherwise he's okay."

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Mohawk River to surge

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2.05: Present Arms is a progressive colt who would appreciate some ease in the ground. Illusion, who is making his handicap debut, looks sure to improve over this longer trip. Generous Gift, just pipped in a decent Newmarket handicap earlier in the year, is only 5lb higher in the weights and was far from discredited last time behind Future Perfect at Goodwood, having been hampered at a crucial stage.

However, the handicapper appears to have taken a lenient view about **Harry Wolton** after the Henry Cecil-trained colt ran a cracker behind Annus Mirabilis and Sarayir at Newmarket 12 days ago. Previously a good fifth behind Hawksley Hill over an inadequate trip at Sandown, he should go close.

2.35: The recent homework of **Reams Of Verse** suggests the Oaks winner is in the form of her life and defeat would come as an unpleasant surprise to the Khalid Abdulla-Cecil combination. Her only defeats came on her seasonal debuts this year and last and the Nureyev filly should take all the beating. Since this race was opened up to older fillies in 1992 they have done well and the main threats could come from the consistent Whitewater Affair and My Emma, who made a pleasing reappearance in France.

3.10: Despite being over 14 furlongs, a low draw has proved to be a big advantage in the Ebor, but most of the horses with the best form are drawn high. The three that make most appeal are Purist, whose defeat of Liffre at Yarmouth was boosted when the runner-up won a decent Goodwood handicap. However, in keeping with the rest of his family, the brother to Pure Grain would prefer easier ground. Docklands Limo has been laid out for this race and this progressive and lighty weighted four-year-old should appreciate this trip after winning the Ulster Derby five weeks ago. However, it may be worth risking that **Mohawk River** can overcome his poor draw and provide Michael Stoute with his second successive Ebor. The lightly raced colt won with any amount in hand over an inadequate trip on his seasonal reppearance at Newmarket recently.

3.45: Bold Fact is drawn next to the stands' rail, which should prevent the steering problems which saw him veer badly right in the Coventry Stakes and when winning at Newmarket six weeks ago. The Known Fact colt is blessed with bags of speed and has been delighting Cecil on the home gallops. Lord Kintyre comes into the reckoning on his excellent second to Daggers Drawn, also trained by Cecil, in the Richmond Stakes, but the less exposed Social Charter and Headhunter rate as bigger threats.

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Nap: BOLD FACT
(3.45 York)
Next best: Reams Of Verse
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5.40 Denbrae. 6.10 Catherines Song. 6.40 Songsheet. 7.10 Debutante Days. 7.40 Superbelle. 8.10 Monaco.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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5.40 TOM CRIBB LIMITED STAKES

(£2,847: 7f 9yd) (12 runners)

1	0031	GOLDEN ACE 19 (G,S) R Spicer 4-9-5	M Roberts 6
2	3544	DENBRAE 11 (F,G) D Murray Smith 5-9-2	C Lowther (5) 2
3	2600	KOMASEPH 5 R Manns 5-9-2	T G McLaughlin 10
4	0000	PERILOUS PLIGHT 70 (D,F) A Streeter 6-9-2	R Havlin (3) 11
5	-000	ROCK SYMPHONY 32 (F,G) W Haggas 7-9-2	Jo Hunnam (7) 7
6	/38/	BALLY WONDER 121J H Collingridge 5-8-13	M Rimmer 12
7	4100	MIDNIGHT SHIFT 30 (G) R Guest 3-8-11	D Holland 5
8	221	MOON FAIRY 14 (F) J G Smyth-Osbourne 3-8-11	W J O'Connor 3
9	5640	OCKER 23 M Tompkins 3-8-11	M Henry (3) 4
10	4500	VAN CHINO 21 B McMahon 3-8-11	L Newton 9
11	0322	DAVIS ROCK 9 W Muir 3-8-8	R Mullen (5) 8
12	2333	INCLINATION 9 M Blanshard 3-8-8	D Sweeney (3) 1

4-1 Moon Fairy, 9-2 Golden Ace, 5-1 Denbrae, 11-2 Davis Rock, 6-1 others.

6.10 MOLYNEUX SELLING STAKES

SKY

(2-Y-O: £2,595: 5f 218yd) (10)

1	0140	CATHERINES SONG 32 (F) C Dwyer 8-11	D Holland 9
2	5533	DANDE TIMES 10 K Ivory 8-11	C Lowther (5) 1
3	0	MARIMBO 42 C Murray 8-11	Nicola Howarth 5
4	4401	MARSKE MACHINE 9 (B,CD,G) N Tinkler 8-11	K Fallon 7
5		RIVERLUTION J L Harris 8-11	D Sweeney (3) 8
6	4450	RUSSIAN ROMEO 5 (V) B McMahon 8-11	M Roberts 4
7	3453	CALLIRAM 25 M Blanshard 8-6	P P Murphy (3) 6
8	500	KEEN LADY 9 N Littmoden 8-6	T G McLaughlin 3
9	2003	PATRICIA OLIVE 15 M Tompkins 8-6	M Henry (3) 2
10	0	SHIFTY MOUSE 13 D Morley 8-6	J Lowe 10

5-2 Catherines Song, 5-1 Marske Machine, 5-1 Dande Times, Patricia Olive, 8-1 others.

6.40 RADIO LEICESTER HANDICAP

SKY

(£3,275: 5f) (14)

1	0305	SONGSHEET 13 (D,F) M Saunders 4-10-0	P P Murphy (3) 9
2	6200	BEAU VENTURE 8 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 9-9-12	R Lappin 7
3	3004	SUPERBIT 7 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 5-9-9	L Newton 13
4	1030	PLEASURE TIME 28 (D,F,G) C Smith 4-9-8	J Tate 8
5	4500	MAKE READY 21 (D) J Neville 3-9-0	S Drowne 1
6	4446	ICE AGE 37 (D,F) R Williams 3-9-0	D Holland 5
7	5462	SOUND THE TRUMPET 16 (D,G) R Spicer 5-8-10	M Roberts 14
8	1640	SOUPERFICIAL 18 (V,CD,F,S) N Tinkler 6-8-10	Kim Tinkler 4
9	0010	LACHESIS 30 (C,S) D Shaw 4-8-9	J Fanning 2
10	2164	FLYING HAROLD 50 (F) M Channon 4-8-7	K Fallon 12
11	0200	NAMPARA BAY 68 G Bravery 3-8-1	D R McCabe 10
12	3222	GAY BREEZE 32 (BF) P Felgate 4-8-0	A Mackay 3
13	0600	JOHN O'DREAMS 16 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A King 12-7-10	J Lowe 6
14	0000	SUPERAPPAROS 18 (B) S Bowring 3-7-10	F Boyle (7) 11

9-2 Ice Age, 5-1 Flying Harold, 6-1 Gay Breeze, Songsheet, 8-1 others.

7.10 WEATHERBYS PEDIGREES FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,704: 1m 3f 183yd) (9)

SKY

1	-011	DEBUTANTE DAYS 23 (D,F,G,S) A Stewart 5-10-0	K Fallon 6
2	4441	ELBAAHA 14 (F) M Jarvis 3-9-11	R Cochrane 5
3	31-0	SILVRETTA 16 (D,G) R Spicer 4-9-3	M Roberts 4
4	0005	RUFALDA 43 L Cumani 3-9-3	K Darley 9
5	6561	LOOKOUT 9 (CD,G) B Hills 3-9-2 (6ex)	D Holland 2
6	0602	NOBLE DANE 10 (S) P Harris 3-8-13	C Lowther (5) 3
7	666-	CLEBURNEL NEWS 356 (CD,F) D Shaw 7-8-10	R Mullen (5) 8
8	3644	ORDAINED 11 (F) E Alston 4-8-9	S Drowne 1
9	31	KIKA 21 (D,G) K Burke 4-7-12	J Quinn 7

9-4 Debutante Days, 7-2 Elbaaha, 13-2 Rufalda, 7-1 Noble Dane, 10-1 others.

7.40 SNOW AND ASTILL CENTENARY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m 1f 218yd) (8)

SKY

1	0046	GOLDEN SADDLE 22 P Cole 9-7	M Roberts 7
2	000-	SAM'S YER MAN 291 T Clement 9-3	R Cochrane 5
3	4	LITTLE MISS LUCY 21 M Heaton-Ellis 9-2	S Drowne 2
4	1400	SUPERBELLE 27 (D) M Jarvis 9-2	Emma O'Gorman 4
5	0452	RIVER OF FORTUNE 14 (F) M Tompkins 9-0	R Mullen (5) 6
6		KEY TO A Jarvis 8-12	D Holland 1
7	3-61	PHYLIDA 33 (G) P Makin 8-10	J Quinn 8
8	50	LADY MAGICIAN 14 C Fairhurst 8-6	D McKeown 3

15-8 Phylida, 11-4 Little Miss Lucy, 4-1 Golden Saddle, Superbelle, 6-1 others.

8.10 RUTLAND HANDICAP

SKY

(3-Y-O: £3,275: 1m) (12)

1	4011	CITY GAMBLER 9 (CD,F,G) G Bravery 9-10 (5ex)	M Rimmer 6
2	1-00	MARAUD 40 (B,C,F) J Spearing 9-7	S Drowne 10
3	0012	ROCKY DANCE 9 (D,F) A Jarvis 9-5	D Holland 4
4	4434	MONACO 18 L Cumani 9-5	K Darley 2
5	3256	ABAJANY 93 (BF) M Channon 9-4	J Fortune 11
6	5503	TIME CAN TELL 61 (D,G) C Murray 9-1	D McKeown 7
7	5540	REEDS 18 J Fanshawe 8-10	T Sprake 5
8	0056	FALLS O'MONESS 13 K Burke 8-6	J Quinn 9
9	-005	PRAIRIE MINSTREL 8 (B) R Dickin 8-6	M Roberts 3
10	3845	WELCOME HOME 46 P Dalton 8-5	D R McCabe 8
11	5303	MUTAHADETH 11 (B,D) D Shaw 8-0	R Mullen (5) 1
12	1303	SEA YA MAITE 12 S Bowring 8-0	N Carlisle 12

7-2 Rocky Dance, 9-2 City Gambler, 11-2 Monaco, 6-1 Mutahadeth, 8-1 others.

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Lloyd abandons diplomacy to deliver verdict

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, hears harsh truths about England

Lloyd: terse words for England bowlers

David Lloyd has a passion for his game, his team and his country that, occasionally, has led him to use words and actions too intemperate to be constructive. Yesterday, however, the England coach delivered a dissection of playing standards and attitude problems with an air of withering calm.

Lloyd has maintained a public diplomacy through this oscillating summer, seldom venturing an opinion beyond the obvious. Now that the Ashes have eluded England once again, however, his inner thoughts are becoming evident. They range from agonies over the inconsistency of his players to anger at those who glibly promote changes in personnel as a universal solution.

His face straight, his tone moderate, his England cap clamped symbolically on his head, Lloyd was speaking at the Oval as the teams prepared for the final Test, which starts tomorrow.

Asked if he felt England were as far behind Australia as they had been when this summer began, he paused thoughtfully before saying: "Yes." The follow-up comment, however, was heartfelt and, it seemed, rehearsed. "The merry-go-round mentality that demands a change of captain, a change of coach, a change of chairman, is not the answer," he said.

Lloyd had come to the press conference with a speech in his pocket, a direct response to the weekend interview in which Geoffrey Boycott suggested that virtually everyone in the England hierachy should lose his job. Wisely, Lloyd then decided against an embroilment in personality matters and confined himself to generalities.

"It is an English trait to clamour for change, to lose the real priorities behind the emotional charge of finding scapegoats," he said. "We have got to rise above that and concentrate on making our players more consistent. It doesn't happen overnight. It takes time, probably more time than most people feel we should have."

Lloyd revealed that he had spoken instantly to his team after the Sunday afternoon demise at Trent Bridge, in which nine wickets, a match and the series were lost in a single session. "I told them in very strong terms what I felt," he said. "I was very straightforward but, surprisingly, I didn't lose my temper.

"We were all aware that we could only win the Ashes by winning that game, but we had to bat to a plan, to play session cricket, build partnerships, keep wickets in hand. We didn't do any of that and it was intensely disappointing. When you ask for explanations for such events, you don't get a lot. They knew they had messed up.

"During my time, and before, consistency has been our ongoing problem. I get fed up hearing that England have played well in spells. I don't want to hear that. I want consistency of performance and fundamental techniques and I want mental toughness. It isn't good enough that we can't bowl the ball in the right place often enough. This is an elementary thing and it is holding us back. I tell them every time — line, line, line. Australia have got a bowler who does it. His name is McGrath and I need our blokes to strive to be as good as him."

England have not employed a specialist fast bowling coach this summer and, though Lloyd's instinct is to wonder what difference it could have made, he is not blind to the possibilities. Angus Fraser, that most dependable master of line and length, may find himself with a job to do before long.

"We know we are playing the best in the world," Lloyd said. "They are a machine, a highly efficient one, but we should be able to match them in the fundamentals and we should be able to match their passion, their encouragement of each other. Sometimes, I feel we English are scared to let it come out, scared to shout and bawl for each other as Australians do."

Lloyd, who has been counselling Michael Atherton in the past week, remains hopeful that he will stay on for the winter tour of the Caribbean. So too does David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, who insists that he will not deflect him from the immediate job of winning this match. "It would be an insult to his integrity to add further pressure at this stage," he said. "If the world has to wait an extra couple of days, so be it."

Atherton, already aware of the groundswell of support at high levels of the game, will receive a further boost this evening. A straw poll of the 18 county captains, conducted for Sky television, reveals that 14 are in favour of him leading the side in West Indies.

Graveney: strong backing for Atherton's captaincy

Derbyshire in turmoil after Horton walks out

By Our Sports Staff

THE troubles that have beset Derbyshire this season took a further twist yesterday when Mike Horton, the county chairman, went the way of the former captain, Dean Jones, and resigned.

Speculation about Horton's position at the club that he saved from financial ruin in 1993 increased when, after returning from a business trip abroad, he stayed away from the county championship match against Lancashire at Derby on Saturday.

He announced his resignation in a letter to Derbyshire members in which he was critical of the committee and suggested that there should be a restructuring of the club. His proposals included turning Derbyshire into a limited company and replacing the committee structure with an elected management board.

"I have found it increasingly frustrating that my efforts in all of these directions have been consistently undermined by certain members of the committee, especially during my absences from the club," Horton said. "The peripheral issues that occur during the season, especially recently, give an opportunity for individuals to hide their fundamental motives."

Vic Brownett, the vice-chairman, who has been in charge during Horton's absence, will continue until a new chairman is appointed. "This is a sad way to go," Brownett said. "Mike has done a tremendous job for Derbyshire and I have learnt a lot from him."

Horton was responsible for the appointment of Jones and Les Stillman, the coach, who took the county to second place in the championship last season. Derbyshire's highest position for 60 years, before Jones walked out in June and returned to Australia.

While Gloucestershire, the championship leaders, sit out the latest round of matches that start today, Kent, in second place, ten points behind with a game in hand, will have David Fulton, their opening batsman, back for the visit to Taunton, where Somerset are their opponents.

Fulton broke a knuckle playing against Middlesex a month ago and he will partner Ed Smith, but Alan Igglesden, the fast bowler, is doubtful because of a back spasm sustained against the Australians on Monday.

The other main interest of the round is Glamorgan's match against Northamptonshire at Abergavenny. The Welsh county, who are six points behind Kent, have Dean Cosker, their England Under-19 spin bowler, standing by to replace Robert Croft, who is away with the Test squad. There is no place again for Tony Cottey, the vice-captain, with Michael Powell keeping his place in the middle order.

Every point will be contested to the last in the top half of a congested championship table, with only 34 points between the leaders and Essex in eighth place.

David Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, is backing his bowlers to come out on top against Warwickshire, and the pace of Allan Donald, at Edgbaston. Houghton is expecting the home team to prepare a wicket loaded in favour of the bowlers in a game important to both sides' hopes of featuring in the contest for the title. Worcestershire are the better-placed, in fourth spot, but a victory for their neighbours would rekindle Warwickshire's chances.

Houghton, keen to put Worcestershire in a strong position before he leaves New Road to become the national coach of his native Zimbabwe next week, said: "I don't think we have beaten Warwickshire at Edgbaston for a long time in the championship."

Richard Illingworth, Worcestershire's former England spinner, who damaged his shoulder at the start of the season, could return, but Phil Newport will be out of their attack for the rest of the campaign because of injury.

Nick Knight, the Warwickshire opener and vice-captain, is set to return after being sidelined for seven weeks with a broken finger. He will lead the side in the continued absence of Tim Munton.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Gloucs (13)	13	6	3	4	29	44	181
Kent (4)	12	6	4	2	28	41	171
Glamorgan (10)	12	5	2	5	33	37	165
Worcs (7)	12	4	1	7	33	38	159
Surrey (3)	13	4	3	6	32	39	153
Middlesex (9)	12	5	4	3	22	38	149
Yorkshire (6)	12	4	2	6	26	40	148
Essex (5)	12	4	4	4	29	42	147
Lancashire (15)	13	4	5	4	27	38	141
Warwickshire (8)	12	4	2	6	20	35	137
Leics (1)	13	2	1	10	28	42	132
Somerset (11)	12	2	2	8	28	44	128
Notts (17)	12	3	2	7	13	43	125
Hampshire (14)	13	2	4	7	33	30	116
Northants (16)	12	2	4	6	21	33	104
Durham (18)	12	2	5	5	14	37	98
Sussex (12)	13	1	7	5	21	44	96
Derbyshire (2)	12	1	6	5	20	44	95

☐ Worcestershire's record includes eight points as a side batting last in a match where scores finished level

(Last year's positions in brackets)

ASHLEY COOMBES

Hunte supervises a net session for the South Africa women's team at Lord's yesterday. They play England today

Hunte aims for happy return

Sarah Potter meets the man behind the touring South Africa women's team

Conrad Hunte has good reason to love the Oval. In 1963, his undefeated 108 for West Indies won a Test match there. On the eve of another Oval Test match, the smiling Barbadian is once again in London, but this time at Lord's, fulfilling his duties as coach to the South Africa women's team.

This unlikely liason is the result of a long friendship between Hunte and Dr Ali Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCB). They met in 1965 when they played in a Rest of the World XI and they renewed their friendship in the 1970s when Hunte visited South Africa.

"When Ali started his development programme in 1982, he wanted me to come and help him, but at that time it was not politically advisable," Hunte said, "but as soon as Nelson Mandela was released from Robben Island in 1991, I told Ali I could help him with the black chaps in the townships."

Hunte was immediately appointed national development coach by the UCB and much of his work has been in the townships. This is continuing. "I'll do as much as I can to see a few black fellows wearing the green and gold," he said. "Only then will I consider the job done."

However, three years ago his remit was widened to include the South Africa women's team. "It was then that the girls and women started to get really interested in outdoor cricket again. It had been strong during the 1970s and so Dr Backer suggested I should help develop it further, because the UCB is responsible for all cricket in South Africa," he said.

Hunte organised a provincial tournament in 1995 in which four provinces took part. In 1996, it grew to seven and now all 11 provinces are involved. South African sporting success no longer surprises, but the speed with which the women's game has taken hold brings an added sparkle to Hunte's eyes.

"I'm elated to think that, in three short years, we've come this distance. We were thrilled to be invited on this trip. We will be able to judge what we need to do for this winter's World Cup. It's a great joy."

An even greater joy, then, that South Africa defeated England for the first time at Taunton on Sunday. The thrilling last-ball victory was more than the touring team could have expected so early in the five-match series and it looked improbable when England overwhelmed them in the first match the previous Friday.

Hunte bounded out to share the celebrations with his players, his elation similar to that he experienced at the Oval in 1963. West Indies had never scored more than 250 in the second innings to win a Test and, as they neared the target of 252, Hunte became aware of the shifting crowd.

"It was quite remarkable, because we suddenly knew what was going to happen," he said.

"This huge crowd, mainly West Indians, were gathering on the boundary and so, as soon as we hit the winning run, we took off. Unfortunately, one fella gave me a magnificent rugby tackle and brought me down.

"There I was, in the middle of this crowd, at the mercy of these people. I lost my bat in the process and eventually scrambled back to the pavilion. Then, someone came to the dressing room and said, Mr Hunte, this is your bat!"

Hunte does not underestimate the impact of emotion and crowds on performers. It is something he will work on with the South Africa women today, before their match at Lord's.

"I will talk to them about their nerves, because it is always very special to play at Lord's. Our first game at Bristol reminded me how easy it is to be overtaken by your emotions. When the national anthem was played, some of our girls had tears in their eyes. It was the first time they were representing their country abroad, wearing the green and gold. They were not in the game at the start and that must not happen at Lord's."

Under the canny guidance of the amiable Hunte, the South Africa women are learning fast. England, on their fifth visit to Lord's, will be hoping for some nerves from the newcomers — anything to wrest back the advantage lost at Taunton.

Hunte drives during his innings at the Oval in 1963

Sobers hits the jackpot in Barbados

EXTRA COVER

SIR GARFIELD SOBERS is justly renowned all over the world for his brilliance as a cricketer and outstanding sportsmanship. He is only marginally less well known for his predilection for betting, notably on horse racing. His latest triumph has been to hit the biggest jackpot of all: winning the lottery in his native Barbados.

The former captain of West Indies, who is now 61, is thought to have won about £200,000 in the "Lotto", as it is known in the Caribbean. For a Bajan, this is a great sum of money. Sir Garfield played all his cricket before the Packer revolution and lives in modest circumstances, earning his living through working as a consultant to the Barbados Board of Tourism and from books and occasional journalism.

To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his Test debut, the Barbados government organised a series of fund-raising events that amounted to a benefit in 1994. This realised around £100,000, which was placed in a trust fund administered by the Governor General of the island.

Sobers, who is in Nottinghamshire, his old county, to participate in a golf tournament and who will be undertaking public relations work during England's tour of West Indies this winter, said: "If I have won, I do not think it will change my life, but I would prefer my life to be private, which is what I expected when I finished playing cricket."

'Barmy' cover

The cover of the September issue of *Wisden Cricket Monthly*, which is to be published tomorrow, could not be more explicit. Accompanying a photograph of Lord MacLaurin, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), is one word in bold capital letters: "BARMY".

"We feel his three-conference plan for the game is ludicrous," Tim de Lisle, the *Wisden* editor, said.

Tim Lamb, the chief executive of the ECB, has told the magazine that it is being personally offensive. "I rang Chris Lane, the managing director, and told him I was not happy about it," he said. The upshot is that *Wisden* has withdrawn its advertisement in the programme for the sixth Test match, which depicts the cover.

Wisden's generic advertisement has been inserted instead. "Tim told me he did not like the cover," Lane said. "I withdrew the advertisement because this is the ECB's own publication, but we have the highest respect for Lord MacLaurin, as stated in the magazine. I would be astonished if anybody drew the conclusion that he was barmy."

Wisden is also courting controversy by refusing to review David Frith's newly-published autobiography, which carries sharp criticism of the magazine and its proprietors. "We don't wish to get into a slanging match with our distinguished former editor," de Lisle said, while Frith commented: "I thought they would run back to their burrows."

Walsh whip

David Walsh is chairman of the HMC schools cricket committee, which will meet in the autumn to discuss the ramifications of the row between Marlborough and Radley, which led to a cancellation of their fixtures, and whether a code of conduct should be introduced.

"We are concerned about all sports in HMC schools," Walsh said. "One visiting coach spent the whole afternoon going up and down the touchline criticising the referee. Boys are copying the Australians and South Africans and we have to remind them that winning is not everything. If I was running a schools side and someone misbehaved, then I would have to leave him out of the next match."

Poisoned pen

Tony Pigott, the Sussex chief executive, has taken a strong line over poison pen letters. He has pinned one up in the members' dining area at Hove, alongside a note which reads: "If people want to criticise me, please come to see me."

The letter in question is signed by "A member" and reads: "Rubbish Piggott (*sic*) A substantial offer for Shane Warne! As if a world-class player would come to a dump. With a well-below championship team [they should be forced out and let another team take their place, one of the minor counties]!! Where is the cricket at Hove this year? A bloody swindle having to pay £60 to see two or three four-day games!!"

OLD FATHER TIMES

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 5 Toronto 3; Milwaukee 8 Texas 5 (first game) Texas 2 Milwaukee 0 (second game). Baltimore 2 Anaheim 1; Chicago White Sox 5 Seattle 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 7 Florida 2

BOWLS

WORTHING: All-England championships: Fours: First round: Second round: Erdington Court, Birmingham (R Brittan) bt Suttons: Reading (P Swann) 21-15, Romford (S Pickford) bt Bolton (R Millin) 19-12; Swindon Westlecot (S Warren) bt Stanwix, Cumbria (T Bowerbank) 22-10; Balsham, Cambridgeshire (P Lingham) bt Chester Road, Worcestershire (L Jones) 19-15, Belvedere, Hunts (P Jessop) bt Banbury Borough (G Moon Jr) 22-17; Garston, Herts (J Simmonds) bt Lincoln St Giles (D Brown) 24-15; Sandy Town, Beds (D Mahoney) bt Cranley RBL (M Overington) 28-15, Clevedon, Somerset (G Luker) bt Shanklin IoW (S Hamblin) 21-11, Bournemouth (C Dowding) bt Scotter, Lincs (R Robertson) 21-17, Southwick, Sussex (T Stevens) bt Totnes, Devon (J Wickham) 21-17; Cambridge & County (K Keith) bt Ipswich (C Rumsby) 20-10; Rainworth MW, Notts (K Davies) bt Witney Town, Oxfordshire (F Dawson) 17-16 (after extra end); Bridgwater BCL (D Fowkes) bt Downham Market Ex Services, Norfolk (A Hill) 22-13; Newcastle Summerhill (S Harvey) bt Thatcham (D Crouch) 21-12; Stoke Coventry, Warwickshire (E Over) bt Measham, Leicestershire (J Bowman) 19-14, Buckden, Hunts (R Coleman) bt Cheltenham Cheltenham (A Allcock) 27-17

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Exmouth: Devon 243 and 214-5 (P M Roebuck 95 not out, N A Folland 55); Hereford 145 and 243 (J P Wright 84, P M Roebuck 5-52). Devon won by 69 runs. Camborne: Wales 248-9 and 90-2 (A J Jones 51 not out) Cornwall 89 and 247 (S R Barwick 4-50). Wales won by eight wickets. Barrow: Northbld 203-4 and 185 (M G Scothern 4-45). Cumberland 224-7 and 173-4 (A D Mawson 71). Cumberland won by six wickets. (first day of two) Ipswich School: Suffolk 227-3 (D W Randall 148) and 83-2 Hertfordshire 226-3 (M James 119, D Ward 72)

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Semi-final: Northampton: Surrey 289-5 (D J Bicknell 107 not out, I J Ward 55, J A Knott 45) Northamptonshire 259 overs (A Fordham 88; J A Knott 3-36). Surrey won by 30 runs.

FOOTBALL

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern division (match played August 16): Corrected result: Bashley 6 Cinderford 1

Monday's late results

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Luton Town 1 Southend United 0

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Hednesford 1 Hereford 1; Kidderminster 1 Northwich 1, Stevenage 0 Kettering 0

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet 0 Sutton United 6. First division: Bognor Regis 4 Molesey 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 1 Charlton Athletic 1

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Stoke City 1 Everton 0. First division: Sunderland 2 Coventry City 0. Second division: Lincoln City 2 Shrewsbury Town 4

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 3 Prescot Cables 2

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Glenavon 2 Ards 1.

HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Tennents League Cup: Elgin 3 Forres Mechanics 0 (aet; 0-0 after 90min)

GOLF

BURHILL: Family Foursomes tournament: First round: C Warren and G Warren (Camdon Regis) bt I Napper and T Napper (Ashford Manor) 7 and 6; J Brassington and J Brassington (Worplesdon) bt S Stigant and P Stigant (Tyrell's Wood) 8 and 7. A Tenison and E Tenison (Ashridge) bt N Gardner and N Gardner (Beaconsfield/Stoneleigh) 2 up; D Frame and KM Frame (Worplesdon) bt B Chase-Gardener and P Chase-Gardener (Sunningdale/Wentworth) 1 up; J Roberts and D Ansell (Crowborough Beacon) bt H A Mote and E J Mote (West Sussex) 2 up, M Bartlett and J Bartlett (Beaconsfield) bt L Wills and M Wills (Woking) 4 and 2; S Russell and A Russell (Burhill) bt P Stovold and S Stovold (West Surrey) 1 up, G Warner and R Warner (Chiltern Forest/Ellesborough) bt PJ Sales and S B Sales (Royal Mid-Surrey) 8 and 7, P Pink and S J Pink (Lee on Solent/Meon Valley) bt A Williams and A Williams (Burhill/Berkshire) 6 and 4; J Morgan and S Morgan (West Sussex) bt L Fairclough and B Fairclough (Reigate Hill) 19th hole, J Hale and J Hale (Richmond) w/o, S Wilcox and K Wilcox (Burhill) w/o; N Dalton and S Dalton (Burhill) bt A Reid and C Reid (Roehampton) 1 up. D T Clayton and S Clayton (Burnham Beeches) bt P J C Dawes and A Dawes (Roehampton) 4 and 2; L Huxtable and N Huxtable (Addington Palace) bt S Down and J Down (Purley Downs) 4 and 3; K Wann and R Wann (Pinner Hill) w/o, S Hubbard and T Hubbard (Burhill) bt C Wilkinson and A Wilkinson (Mid-Herts) 2 and 1; B Ducat and S Ducat (Cooden Beach/Walton Heath) bt J Mander and J Mander (Sunningdale Ladies/Wildwood) 4 and 2; J A Harvey and N Harvey (West Surrey) bt M Maisey and S Maisey (Ellesborough) 19th hole, M Deehan and C P Deehan (Prenton) bt S Jagger and J Jagger (Ashridge) 3 and 1; J M Bowes and O M Bowes (Walton Heath) bt J Aitken and A Sims (Datchet/Burnham Beeches) 6 and 5; L Gerdingh and C Gerdingh (Burhill) bt A Keet and J Keet (Army) 2 and 1; J Tate and R Tate (Royal Ashdown Forest/Littlestone) bt M Gilbert and R Champion (Erlestoke Sands/Walton Heath) 7 and 6; P Truett and E Truett (Walton Heath) bt H M G Pryor and M H Pryor (West Hill/Rye) 1 up; B M Hall and R L Hall (Burhill/West Byfleet) bt D Collins and C Collins (Burhill) 20th hole; S Phillips and R Phillips (Royal Wimbledon) bt E McLaughlin and T McLaughlin (Knole Park) 4 and 3. T Bennett and G Millerchip (Walton Heath) bt B Gundry and R Gundry (Walton Heath) 19th hole; L Gilbert and A Gilbert (Burhill) bt C Tilling and A Tilling (Royal Wimbledon) 3 and 2. S Gower and A Gower (Hankley Common) bt R Collins and E Collins (Burhill/Wimbledon Park) 1 up; C Dollard and D Hill (West Surrey) bt P Robinson and B J Robinson (Burhill) 19th hole; B M Turner and P A Turner (Tadmarton Heath/The Wiltshire) bt R McKissack and H Ray (Royal Wimbledon/Royal Mid-Surrey) 2 and 1. A Briggs and L Briggs (Royal Liverpool) bt D Nugent and D Nugent (Hindhead) 5 and 4; M J Toole and S Toole (Brokenhurst Manor) bt S Birley and E Birley (Tandridge) 3 and 2; S Proctor and M Proctor (Croham Hurst) bt J Miller and B Miller (Knole Park) 1 up; P J R Webb and E Webb (Walton Heath) bt A Maisey and J Maisey (Ellesborough) 6 and 5; S M Mote and T P Mote (West Sussex) bt J V Wilson and J C Wilson (Tandridge) 5 and 4. Second round: A Williams and J M L Williams (Burhill/Richmond) bt N R Ross-Gower and L Gibson (Strawberry Hill) 3 and 1; A J Cox and A C Cox (St George's Hill) w/o.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 66 Long Eaton 25.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Ryde 43 Berwick 34.

ELITE LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 52 Ipswich 38.

SWIMMING

SEVILLE: European championships: Finals: Men: Freestyle: 200m: 1, P Palmer (GB) 1:48.85, 2, M Rosolino (It) 1:49.02; 3, B Szabados (Hun) 1:49.99; 4, J Salter (GB) 1:49.98; 5, L Frolander (Swe) 1:50.03; 6, V Pyshnenko (Russ) 1:50.13; 7, M Wouda (Holl) 1:50.37; 8, A Lyrbring (Swe) 1:50.58. Non-qualifiers for final: Heat one: 3, A O'Connor (Ire) 1:58.43; 4, H O'Connor (Ire) 1:58.48. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, A Goukov (Russ) 1:2 17; 2, K Guttler (Hun) 1:02.23; 3, D. Malek (Cz) 1:02.27; 4, J-C Sarnin (Fr) 1:02.49; 5, D Fioravanti (It) 1:02.51; 6, B Kuipers (Holl) 1:02.70; 7, J Kruppa (Ger) 1:02.72; 8, V Alexeev (Isr) 1:03.78. Non-qualifiers for final: Heat one: 4, M Giles (Ire) 1:04.83. Heat four: 6, R Maden (GB) 1:03.35; 8, A Ayres (GB) 1:04.60. Women: Freestyle: 100m: 1, S Volker (Ger) 56.38sec; 2, M Moravcova (Slovakia) 55.48; 3, A Buschschulte (Ger) 55.50; 4, S Rolph (GB) 56.09; 5, K Pickering (GB) 56.13; 6, N Mescheriakova (Russ) 56.15; equal 7, M Jacobsen (Den) and W van Hofwegen (Holl) 56.51. Individual medley: 400m: 1, M de Smith (Ire) 4min 42.08sec; 2, Y Klochkova (Ukr) 4:43.07; 3, H Cerna (Cz) 4:44.05; 4, S Herbst (Ger) 4:44.87; 5, O Verevka (Russ) 4:47.89; 6, B Coada-Caslaru (Rom) 4:48.73; 7, L Becerra (Sp) 4:50.47; 8, N Kozlova (Russ) 4:52.92. Non-qualifiers for final: Heat two: 4, S Nesbit (GB) 4:54.95. 4 x 200m relay: 1, Germany 8:03.58; 2, Sweden 8:04.63; 3, Denmark 8:07.26; 4, Romania 8:08.49; 5, Great Britain 8:09.44; 6, Holland 8:11.49; 7, France 8:11.93; 8, Italy 8:18.28. Diving: Men: 3m board synchronised: Final: 1, H Schleppe and A Mesch (Ger) 284.34pts; 2, J L Hidalgo and R Santos (Sp) 283.92; 3, N Marconi and D Miranda (It) 277.38; 4, A Ali and M Shipman (GB) 274.71. Women: 10m board synchronised: Final: 1, U Wetzig and A Piper (Ger) 289.78; 2, O Arboles-Souchon and J Danaux (Fr) 240.54; 3, M Reiff and A Richter (Austria) 215.87; 5, H Allen and L Ward (GB) 201.21. Water Polo: Women: Quarter-final: Russia 9 Germany 5. Tenth place play-off: Yugoslavia 5 Great Britain 4.

TENNIS

BOSTON, Massachusetts: Men's tournament: First round: J van Herck (Bel) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; F Dewulf (Bel) bt J Novak (Cz) 6-1, 1-6, 6-2; S Dosedel (Cz) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; S Schalken (Holl) bt L Roux (Fr) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; G Blanco (Sp) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; M Rios (Chile) bt J Stark (US) 6-7, 6-2, 7-6.

ATLANTA: Women's tournament: First round: A Coetzer (SA) bt L Wild (US) 6-1, 6-2; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 7-6, 6-4; R Dragomir (Rom) bt A-G Sidot (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; S Testud (Fr) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-1; C Rubin (US) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-1, 6-2; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 4-6, 7-6, 4-2 ret.

LONG ISLAND: Men's tournament: First round: R Reneberg (US) bt M Damm (Cz) 6-3, 6-2; B Ulihrach (Cz) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-1, 6-1; T Enqvist (Swe) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-3, 6-3; M Chang (US) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 7-6, 6-4; G Kuerten (Br) bt M Filippini (Ur) 6-4, 7-6.

HAVANT: LTA Men's Summer satellite tournament: First round: A Witt (US) bt A Turner (NZ) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; S Swierk (Aus) bt J Davidson (GB) 7-6, 7-6; J Shortall (NZ) bt R Leal (US) 7-5, 7-6. Second round: J Fox (GB) bt O Freelove (GB) 6-4, 6-4; N Gould (GB) bt Swierk 6-4, 6-2; C Wilkinson (GB) bt D Lobb (GB) 6-3, 7-5; A Painter (Aus) bt T Mitchell (Aus) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; L Bourgeois (Aus) bt Witt (US) 6-3, 7-6; C Snell (Aus) bt D Roberts (SA) 7-6, 7-6; A Parmar (GB) bt Shortall 6-4, 6-4; P Hand (GB) bt G Kassler (India) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

FOOTBALL

McCarthy calms Ireland's nerves

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN DUBLIN

IF Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, is feeling the World Cup heat, then he is the master of disguise. As he sat yesterday deep in the bowels of Lansdowne Road, where Ireland play Lithuania tonight in their vital group eight qualifying tie, he spoke calmly and concisely of the task ahead.

Three radio microphones were thrust almost into his face and the journalistic inquisition, though not quite Spanish in its manner, was of an all-embracing and earnest Irish nature.

Yet nothing fazed him. McCarthy was on top of his game, as his players must surely be if they are to beat Lithuania this evening and progress towards the World Cup finals next year.

"If we win, when we win, I think we will go on and take the runners-up spot," he said, silently conceding the obvious that Romania, the group leaders, will automatically reach the finals. It would leave Ireland disputing second place with Lithuania and Macedonia and then, if successful, contemplating a two-leg play-off to complete the French connection. "At the moment, thinking farther than the Lithuania game is pointless," he said.

Ireland travel to Iceland and Lithuania next month, which could decide their fate before they take on Romania, in their concluding fixture, in Dublin on October 11. It could also help to eradicate the shadow of Jack Charlton that McCarthy has had to work under since his appointment 18 months ago.

Charlton's name is rarely mentioned at Ireland press conferences nowadays, for fear of a spiky response, yet McCarthy has gradually eased the burden of expectation generated by his predecessor, the world's greatest honorary Irishman. His blend of the young — Shay Given, David Connolly and Mark Kennedy — and the old — Andy Townsend, Ray Houghton and Denis Irwin — is beginning to gel.

"This one is a massive game," Connolly, 20, Feyenoord's former Watford striker, said. "The Dutch League starts this weekend, but I'm not really concerned about that yet. Playing against Lithuania is my priority. Everything else is secondary."

McCarthy will not reveal his hand until shortly before kick-off, but Connolly will start up front, probably partnered by Tony Cascarino, another of the more experienced Ireland performers.

Roy Keane, as always, will play a pivotal role in midfield. If the new Manchester United captain is good, Ireland should prosper. If he is bad, if he loses control, anything could happen. He is one of nine Ireland squad members only one booking away from a World Cup suspension.

"I won't change," Keane said yesterday. "I've come this far because of my attitude and the way I play. If you take that away from me, I'm not the same sort of player."

McCarthy agreed. "I want the lads to commit themselves, I want them to tackle hard," he said, "but I don't want any silly cautions for petulance."

Only then, it would appear, especially if accompanied by unexpected defeat, would he lose his serene countenance.

IRELAND (probable 4-1-2-3): S Given (Newcastle United) — J Kenna (Blackburn Rovers), K Cunningham (Wimbledon), S Staunton (Aston Villa), D Irwin (Manchester United) — R Keane (Manchester United) — R Houghton (Reading), A Townsend (Aston Villa) — D Connolly (Feyenoord), A Cascarino (AS Nancy), M Kennedy (Liverpool).

GROUP EIGHT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	6	6	0	0	20	0	18
Macedonia	7	4	1	2	19	10	13
Ireland	6	3	1	2	15	4	10
Lithuania	6	3	1	2	6	5	10
Iceland	6	0	3	3	1	6	3
Liechtenstein	7	0	0	7	2	36	0

MATCHES TO COME: Today: Ireland v Lithuania; Liechtenstein v Iceland; Romania v Macedonia. Sept 6: Iceland v Ireland, Liechtenstein v Romania; Lithuania v Macedonia. Sept 10: Romania v Iceland; Lithuania v Ireland. Oct 11: Iceland v Liechtenstein; Ireland v Romania, Macedonia v Lithuania.

Dorigo is bound for Torino, subject to a medical

Souness ends long chase for Dorigo

TONY DORIGO, the Leeds United and former England defender, is expected to leave Elland Road today to link up with Graeme Souness at Torino. Dorigo, 31, has agreed terms with Souness, believed to be £350,000-a-year, and will join the Serie B club subject to a medical today.

Dorigo's move will end a long chase by Souness, the Scot having first tried to sign him when he was manager of Rangers in the late 1980s and Dorigo was at Chelsea.

Steve Coppell, the Crystal Palace manager, yesterday completed the signing of the Israel midfield player, Itzhik Zohar, from Royal Antwerp, of Belgium, for £1.2 million. Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, has signed the Denmark defender, Lars Melvang, on a short-term contract with a view to a permanent move.

Germany disturbed by simmering discontent

BY DAVID MADDOCK

PICTURE this. England, with three straightforward home matches and one undemanding away game remaining, can afford to drop three points and still qualify as group winners for the World Cup finals.

Glenn Hoddle, one suspects, would gratefully accept that, but, sadly for him, it is Germany, not England, who are presented with such a scenario — and yet the Germans are surprisingly unhappy with their lot. There has even been talk, admittedly hushed, of a crisis.

There is discontent with the way that Germany have edged towards qualification in group nine. They stand two points behind the leaders, Ukraine, with two matches in hand and can afford to lose against Northern Ireland in Belfast tonight and still reach the finals in France next summer, yet Bertie Vogts, the coach, has been so frustrated by his team's performances so far that, during the summer, he sent a stern letter to all his players berating them for a lack of quality.

Christian Ziege is, at 25, one of the new generation of Germany players and he accepts the criticism from Vogts. "I don't think it was a ploy to shake us up. I think he was very obviously disappointed about the quality we have offered so far and he wanted the letter to inspire us to better things," he said.

Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, realises the importance of tonight's match to Germany and recognises that his own future could be shaped by the performance of his charges.

"Northern Ireland can decide the outcome of this group," he said. "If Germany lose, it will make it difficult for them, but we have to do something for our own pride. We have let the fans down at Windsor Park and we have got to put that right."

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable 5-3-2): R Carroll (Wigan Athletic) — K Gillespie (Newcastle United), C Hill ([illegible]), G Taggart (Bolton Wanderers), S Morrow (Queens Park Rangers), I Nolan (Sheffield Wednesday) — N Lennon (Leicester City), J Magilton (Southampton), K Horlock (Manchester City) — J Quinn (Blackpool), M Hughes (West Ham United).

GROUP NINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ukraine	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]
Germany	6	[illegible]	3	0	11	4	12
Portugal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N Ireland	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	5	5	[illegible]
Armenia	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	8	[illegible]
Albania	6	0	[illegible]	4	3	12	[illegible]

MATCHES TO COME. Today: N Ireland v Germany, Portugal v Armenia, Ukraine v Albania. Sept 6: Germany v Portugal, Armenia v Albania. Germany v Armenia. Oct 11: Germany v Albania, Portugal v N Ireland, Armenia v Ukraine. TBA: Albania v N Ireland.

Blake and Gould end Wales rift

NATHAN BLAKE'S inclusion in the Wales side to play Turkey in a World Cup qualifying group seven match in Istanbul tonight brings to a conclusion one of the most unsavoury international incidents of recent years (Russell Kempson writes).

Four months ago, Blake, the black Bolton Wanderers striker, accused Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, of making a series of racist remarks to him. He said that he would refuse to play for his country again while Gould was in charge. Gould later apologised for what he claimed were inadvertent and misconstrued comments and, despite calls for his resignation from factions within the Football Association of Wales, he was given an extended two-year contract earlier this month.

Now, at last, the matter has been laid to rest. "It is finished. It won't be mentioned again," Gould said. "This is Nathan's big chance. He has the potential to be a fine player."

Though tonight's fixture is effectively meaningless, with Wales unable to qualify for the finals and Turkey holding only an outside chance, Gould still views it as a valuable exercise for the younger members of his squad.

WALES (4-4-2): N Southall (Everton) — G Speed (Everton) — S Jenkins (Huddersfield Town), A Melville (Sunderland), R Page (Watford), R Giggs (Manchester United) — R Savage (Leicester City), M Hughes (Chelsea), C Hughes (Wimbledon) — D Saunders (Nottingham Forest), N Blake (Bolton Wanderers).

GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	6	5	0	1	23	[illegible]	[illegible]
Belgium	6	5	0	1	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Turkey	5	2	1	2	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wales	[illegible]	2	1	3	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Marino	7	0	0	7	0	37	0

MATCHES TO COME. Today: Turkey v Wales. Sept 6: Holland v Belgium. Sept 10: San Marino v Turkey. Oct 11: Holland v Turkey, Belgium v Wales.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

THE TIMES ITC INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET

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Pos	Team (player's name)	Pts
1	M J S 1 (M Squires)	22719
2	Orchid M & O (N Johns)	22665
3	Mow And Go Hap (N Johns)	22662
4	Wansford House 3 (PR O'Brien)	22651
5	Dave's Dependables (D Tattoo)	22638
6	Kelb's Corkers 4 (N Kelb)	22431
7	The Runrats (D Tattoo)	22383
8=	Dawns Dynamos (Miss D Shepherd)	22349
8=	Ian's Imperials (J Johnston)	22349
10	Lemar Old Boys (P Tranter)	22298
11	Rob's Barmy Army (R Anderson)	22233
12	Fantasy Formbk I (G Crutchley)	22190
13	Wells Fargo (BE Howes)	22151
14	The Twins (B Collinson)	22146
15	Porius (W Clarke)	22138
16	Sams The Man 5 (G Sampson)	22112
17	Ventys Vintage No ()	22072
18	Diamond White (R White)	22029
19	Nine Ian Bothams (P Johnson)	22019
20	Off Spinners In A (A Milroy)	21997
21	Bacardi Boys (M Woodley)	21973
22	Fantasy Formbk E (G Crutchley)	21962
23	All Rounders X I (N Pember)	21946
24	Windy's Warriors (G Miller)	21945
25	All Round Ability (W Burnett)	21932
26	Hursts Cack Hander (R Jackson)	21928
27	Brains Team (Howes)	21922
28	Daves Dosers (D Tattoo)	21861
29	Three Lobs (P Johnson)	21824
30	Ace All Rounders (A Eade)	21815
31	Friday Night X I (B McFerran)	21798
32	Paulines Stars (Ms P Howell)	21793
33	The Funky Monkeys (A Moss)	21734
34	J S W C 256 (J Swirles)	21727
35	Sarawana (R Knowle)	21721
36	Sam's The Man 3 (G Sampson)	21716
37	Old Wringtonians (TJ Hillman)	21700
38	Colemans Balls (D Blackburn)	21682
39	The Band Played On (M Reed)	21661
40	Fantasy Formbk H (G Crutchley)	21647
41	Barney Boys (BE Howes)	21631
42	The Braughing Duck (P Moore)	21604
43	Roe Roe Roe Your B (R Roe)	21596
44	Huntastic (A Frazer)	21573
45	Injury Free X I (IJ Hunt)	21546
46	Basil's Bashers (S Moore)	21535
47	S R S In The Press (SP Vann)	21518
48	Ward's Wickstaker (AB Ward)	21507
49	Toddy 2 (B Bare)	21501
50=	14 Lobs (P Johnson)	21491
50=	Spike Thomas Eleve (TE Webb)	21491
52	Ken's First X I (K Hannah)	21475
53	The Sunshine Brand (J Shepherd)	21442
54	Fantasy Formbk D (G Crutchley)	21414
55	Retirement Hero's (M Portman)	21412
56	Daves Demons (D Tattoo)	21373
57	Meg's Eleven (S Simmons)	21357
58	Four Ian Bothams (P Johnson)	21346
59	Philosofirsts (P Shorter)	21339
60	Kim's Best (D Geraghty)	21338
61	Ashes Coming Home (JH Stewart)	21336
62	Tory Boys (G Jackson)	21314
63	Webbers Post (EG Evans)	21290
64	The Flowerpot Men (D Blackburn)	21264
65	(P Coward)	21262
66	Jimmyshire C C (JAD Curthoys)	21255
67	Friday Night Room (I Ellis)	21253
68	Jones Boys One (M Jones)	21252
69	D A M A R C (D Thorn)	21238
70	Eli's 11 (G Angell)	21237
71=	Sharps Eleven (M Sharp)	21225
71=	Monty Bears (M White)	21225
73	Cats Eyes (N Marchant)	21223
74	The 1997 X I (Miss JM Hutchin)	21221
75	Linseeds (R Hoy)	21219
76	Tooth (A Lockhurst)	21200
77	Mervyn Magic X I (G Wray)	21195
78	[illegible] (A Robertson)	21184
79	Woody's Wonders (DA Wood)	21169
80	[illegible] (C Wyatt)	21166
81	M W B F B I T C (R McKenzie)	21146
82	D J S C (D Fenton)	21144
83	No More Fridays Out (I Ellis)	21141
84	Art S (AP Jeanes)	21135
85	[illegible] (N Jones)	21132
86	Freds Truemen 3 (Toby Scutton)	21125
87	Kateremy (N Macrae)	21112
88	[illegible] (K Kumaraingam)	21111
89	Mo And Go (N Johns)	21099
90	Legendaries (C Hulme)	21092
91	(S McKeson)	21082
92	All Hallows (J McCormack)	21078
93	Jim's Giants (JH Parker)	21074
94	Claremont 4 (M Gardiner)	21064
95	The First X V (M Pawley)	21047
96	Capricorn 6 (P Stewart)	21046
97	The Sad Team (J Swann)	21041
98	Alsa Angels (A Wood)	21039
99	Touch Not The Bat (G Macdonald)	21036
100	Shadow Leader 1 (D Findlay)	21026

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in the first four columns cover the past week; the final column is the player's overall points total. The figures include all matches completed by August 18. Overseas players are shown in bold type, Rising Stars in *italic*.

Batsmen (001-146)

Category A

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
C J Adams (001)	0	0	0	0	0	1770
G F Archer (002)	0	0	0	0	0	1155
M A Atherton (003)	9	0	1	0	29	1389
C W J Athey (004)	20	0	0	0	20	1204
R J Bailey (005)	0	0	0	0	0	2124
K J Barnett (006)	86	0	0	5	91	1036
D J Bicknell (007)	0	0	0	0	0	489
G S Blewett (008)	18	0	1	-20	18	1443
D C Boon (009)	0	0	0	0	0	1244
P D Bowler (010)	9	0	1	0	29	1593
A D Brown (011)	70	0	2	5	115	1509
M A Butcher (012)	79	0	2	5	124	1795
P A Cottey (013)	56	0	1	5	81	915
J P Crawley (014)	151	0	3	10	221	1746
K M Curran (015)	0	0	0	0	0	1651
M T G Elliott (016)	0	0	0	0	0	1851
N H Fairbrother (017)	0	0	0	0	0	1331
J E R Gallian (018)	24	1	0	0	44	1227
M W Gatting (019)	61	0	2	5	106	1389
G A Gooch (020)	0	0	0	0	0	562
M L Hayden (021)	92	0	1	5	117	2235
D L Hemp (022)	205	0	1	15	240	1707
G A Hick (023)	96	0	0	5	101	2313
A J Hollioake (024)	182	1	2	10	252	1974
N Hussain (025)	28	0	0	0	28	1848
S P James (026)	308	0	1	25	353	2100
D M Jones (027)	0	0	0	0	0	554
J H Kallis (028)	32	0	1	0	52	1899
N V Knight (029)	0	0	0	0	0	694
J S Laney (030)	84	0	0	5	89	987
M N Lathwell (031)	81	0	1	0	101	971
G D Lloyd (032)	17	0	0	-20	-3	1142
M B Loye (033)	0	0	0	0	0	626
M P Maynard (034)	187	0	3	-10	237	1681
A McGrath (035)	0	0	0	0	0	700
R R Montgomerie (036)	0	0	0	0	0	279
T M Moody (037)	56	2	1	0	118	1490
H Morris (038)	47	0	2	0	87	1238
M D Moxon (039)	0	0	0	-20	-20	640
T L Penney (040)	25	0	0	0	25	1229
M R Ramprakash (041)	8	0	1	-20	8	1784
R T Robinson (042)	62	0	0	0	62	787
P V Simmons (043)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M J Slater (044)	61	0	0	0	61	237
B F Smith (045)	0	0	0	0	0	925
R A Smith (046)	110	0	1	-10	120	1512
A J Stewart (047)	0	0	0	0	0	2614
M A Taylor (048)	0	0	0	0	0	1138
G P Thorpe (049)	32	0	0	0	32	2263
M P Vaughan (050)	74	0	0	5	79	996
T R Ward (051)	68	0	1	-15	73	1445
M E Waugh (052)	36	1	1	0	76	1516
S R Waugh (053)	154	0	2	10	204	1643
A P Wells (054)	65	0	0	-15	50	1341
V J Wells (055)	0	0	0	0	0	1742
W P C Weston (056)	131	0	1	10	161	987
J J Whitaker (057)	0	0	0	0	0	1214

Category B

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
D A Blenkiron (058)	0	0	0	0	0	0
D Byas (059)	26	0	0	0	26	1922
M E Cassar (060)	0	0	0	0	0	117
G R Cowdrey (061)	0	0	0	0	0	780
R J Cunliffe (062)	0	0	0	0	0	523
T S Curtis (063)	171	0	1	10	201	1086
A Dale (064)	67	0	1	0	87	1085
J A Daley (065)	0	0	0	0	0	20
R I Dawson (066)	99	0	2	5	144	247
M P Dowman (067)	167	0	1	10	197	1423
A W Evans (068)	0	0	0	0	0	50
A Flintoff (069)	0	0	0	-40	-40	376
A Fordham (070)	0	0	0	0	0	499
D P Fulton (071)	0	0	0	0	0	1038
A P Grayson (072)	130	2	5	5	275	2676
K Greenfield (073)	5	0	0	0	5	1049
A Habib (074)	0	0	0	0	0	510
T H C Hancock (075)	120	0	2	5	185	1351
R J Harden (076)	0	0	0	0	0	631
J C Harrison (077)	0	0	0	0	0	0
A N Hayhurst (078)	0	0	0	0	0	60
G R Haynes (079)	78	5	0	0	178	1924
D R Hewson (080)	0	0	0	0	0	0
A J Hibbert (081)	0	0	0	0	0	77
T P Hodgson (082)	2	0	0	0	2	168
P C L Holloway (083)	95	0	1	5	120	1302
W J House (084)	36	0	1	0	56	447
S Hutton (085)	0	0	0	0	0	188
P Johnson (086)	58	0	1	0	78	1197
M Keech (087)	42	0	1	0	62	858
W S Kendall (088)	0	0	0	0	0	680
G J Kennis (089)	0	0	0	0	0	69
R A Kettleborough (090)	0	0	0	0	0	50
G A Khan (091)	0	0	0	0	0	205
W G Khan (092)	0	0	0	0	0	189
D A Leatherdale (093)	25	2	1	0	85	2043
N J Lenham (094)	0	0	0	0	0	396
J J B Lewis (095)	8	0	0	0	8	1434
N J Llong (096)	0	0	0	0	0	919
M A Lynch (097)	0	0	0	0	0	1153
G I Macmillan (098)	0	0	0	0	0	204
D L Maddy (099)	17	0	2	-20	37	1628
M R May (100)	23	1	0	0	43	526
P C McKeown (101)	0	0	0	0	0	209
A A Metcalfe (102)	81	0	0	5	86	419
S P Moffat (103)	0	0	0	0	0	295
A J Moles (104)	56	0	0	5	61	890
J E Morris (105)	0	0	0	0	0	1286
K Newell (106)	41	2	0	0	81	1190
D P Ostler (107)	58	0	1	5	83	1442
J E Owen (108)	22	0	0	0	22	164
K A Parsons (109)	0	0	0	0	0	1241
S D Peters (110)	0	0	0	0	0	202
P R Pollard (111)	0	0	0	0	0	672
J C Pooley (112)	82	0	1	5	107	1240
M J Powell (113)	0	0	0	0	0	60
P J Prichard (114)	0	0	0	0	0	1398
T A Radford (115)	0	0	0	0	0	181
R K Rao (116)	14	0	1	-40	-6	989
J D Ratcliffe (117)	13	0	2	0	53	1114
J D Roberts (118)	0	0	0	0	0	390
D D J Robinson (119)	82	0	0	5	87	1029
A S Rollins (120)	0	0	0	-20	-20	1270
M A Roseberry (121)	0	0	0	0	0	280
D J G Sales (122)	28	0	0	0	28	509
O A Shah (123)	69	0	0	0	69	533
N Shahid (124)	0	0	0	0	0	304
A Singh (125)	0	0	0	0	0	463
E T Smith (126)	46	0	1	-20	46	583
N J Speak (127)	0	0	0	0	0	630
K R Spiring (128)	0	0	0	0	0	1159
J P Stephenson (129)	114	2	1	-10	164	1911
I J Sutcliffe (130)	0	0	0	0	0	799
A J Swann (131)	0	0	0	0	0	0
N R Taylor (132)	148	0	1	10	178	1095
S P Titchard (133)	0	0	0	0	0	260
N J Trainor (134)	30	0	0	-20	10	635
M E Trescothick (135)	86	0	0	5	91	236
T A Tweats (136)	0	0	0	0	0	159
M J Walker (137)	0	0	0	0	0	869
M A Wagh (138)	0	0	0	0	0	1166
C D Walsh (139)	0	0	0	0	0	0
T C Walton (140)	0	0	0	0	0	444
P E Wellings (141)	0	0	0	0	0	33
R M S Weston (142)	0	0	0	0	0	92
P R Whitaker (143)	0	0	0	0	0	0
G W White (144)	148	0	0	10	158	610
M G N Windows (145)	45	0	3	0	105	316
A J Wright (146)	0	0	0	0	0	1073

All-rounders (147-185)

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
M W Alleyne (147)	77	1	2	-15	122	2498
I D Austin (148)	62	2	0	0	102	1856
M G Bevan (149)	102	2	0	5	147	1067
D R Brown (150)	56	11	0	30	306	2500
G P Butcher (151)	41	4	0	0	121	857
D J Capel (152)	0	0	0	0	0	504
P D Collingwood (153)	0	0	0	0	0	539
D G Cork (154)	13	5	1	0	133	332
R D B Croft (155)	74	7	1	0	234	2293
P A J DeFreitas (156)	96	3	0	5	161	1589
V C Drakes (157)	15	2	0	0	55	1173
K P Dutch (158)	5	1	1	-20	25	658
M A Ealham (159)	115	1	0	5	140	2301
S C Ecclestone (160)	72	0	2	5	117	1110
K P Evans (161)	25	2	1	-20	65	1189
M V Fleming (162)	96	0	1	5	121	1954
J P Hewitt (163)	8	1	0	-20	8	1530
K J Innes (164)	0	0	0	0	0	79
R C Irani (165)	51	0	0	5	56	1818
K D James (166)	0	0	0	0	0	984
B P Julian (167)	0	0	0	0	0	432
S R Lampitt (168)	67	2	4	0	187	1540
D R Law (169)	17	0	0	0	17	1333
S G Law (170)	90	2	0	5	135	2448
C C Lewis (171)	15	1	0	0	35	1585
A C Morris (172)	35	1	1	0	75	547
A L Penberthy (173)	0	0	0	0	0	1402
G M Roberts (174)	0	0	0	0	0	56
N M K Smith (175)	72	1	1	5	117	1645
J N Snape (176)	0	0	0	0	0	1174
V S Solanki (177)	13	0	3	0	73	951
P A Strang (178)	2	2	0	-20	22	2395
C M Tolley (179)	23	4	0	0	103	1509
Wasim Akram (180)	0	0	0	0	0	268
M Watkinson (181)	34	0	0	0	34	858
P N Weekes (182)	0	0	0	0	0	1325
C M Wells (183)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C White (184)	30	3	1	0	110	2364
S Young (185)	0	2	0	-20	20	2226

Wicketkeepers (186-216)

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
A N Aymes (186)	7	0	2	0	47	1731
J N Batty (187)	23	0	4/1	0	143	263
R J Blakey (188)	75	0	3/1	5	180	2017
K R Brown (189)	42	0	1	0	62	1778
M Burns (190)	105	0	0	5	110	1053
C A Chapman (191)	0	0	0	0	0	84
I Dawood (192)	0	0	0	0	0	91
T Frost (193)	0	0	0	0	0	905
S P Griffiths (194)	0	0	0	0	0	81
I A Healy (195)	0	0	0	0	0	2001
W K Hegg (196)	10	0	2	-20	30	1400
B J Hyam (197)	0	0	0	0	0	189
D A Kenway (198)	0	0	0	0	0	82
K M Krikken (199)	72	0	6	5	197	1419
D G C Ligertwood (200)	0	0	0	0	0	0
S A Marsh (201)	40	0	7	0	180	1736
C P Metson (202)	0	0	0	0	0	80
P Moores (203)	127	0	2	5	172	1435
P A Nixon (204)	52	0	7/1	0	232	2076
W M Noon (205)	38	0	5	0	138	1324
K J Piper (206)	0	0	0	0	0	323
S J Rhodes (207)	60	0	2/1	0	140	1594
D Ripley (208)	0	0	0	0	0	1081
R J Rollins (209)	2	0	0	0	2	1392
R C Russell (210)	117	0	1	5	142	2378
A D Shaw (211)	21	0	6	0	141	1109
M P Speight (212)	0	0	0	0	0	1665
R J Turner (213)	101	0	2	5	146	1819
R J Warren (214)	0	0	0	0	0	1258
P Whitticase (215)	0	0	0	0	0	0
R C J Williams (216)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bowlers (217-347)

Category A

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
J A Afford (217)	0	0	0	0	0	0
S J W Andrew (218)	0	0	0	0	0	159
M C J Ball (219)	54	5	1	10	184	1463
R T Bates (220)	0	0	0	0	0	506
J E Benjamin (221)	0	0	0	0	0	525
M M Betts (222)	0	0	0	0	0	823
M P Bicknell (223)	1	1	1	0	41	1689
J N B Bovill (224)	0	0	0	0	0	727
M T Brimson (225)	0	0	0	0	0	285
S J E Brown (226)	0	0	0	0	0	1043
A R Caddick (227)	22	3	1	0	102	1950
G Chapple (228)	0	0	0	0	0	678
C A Connor (229)	0	0	0	0	0	244
A P Cowan (230)	2	2	1	0	62	1729
D M Cox (231)	0	0	0	0	0	84
R P Davis (232)	10	8	2	0	210	642
A A Donald (233)	0	5	0	10	110	1679
A R C Fraser (234)	36	2	0	0	76	1382
A F Giles (235)	81	2	2	5	166	1700
J N Gillespie (236)	0	0	0	0	0	1163
D Gough (237)	0	0	0	0	0	1946
A J Harris (238)	12	1	1	0	52	1062
P J Hartley (239)	0	0	0	0	0	1340
D W Headley (240)	0	0	0	0	0	1203
R K Illingworth (241)	0	0	0	0	0	2
M C Ilott (242)	1	1	0	0	21	848
P W Jarvis (243)	24	2	0	0	64	1020
R L Johnson (244)	27	3	0	-20	67	1412
G Keedy (245)	0	0	0	0	0	151
R J Kirtley (246)	0	0	0	0	0	715
J D Lewry (247)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M J McCague (248)	0	0	0	0	0	1398
G D McGrath (249)	0	0	0	0	0	1627
D E Malcolm (250)	3	10	0	30	233	1588
P J Martin (251)	19	4	0	0	99	1714
R J Maru (252)	0	0	0	0	0	317
D J Millns (253)	0	0	0	0	0	1161
Mohammad Akram (254)	0	0	0	0	0	606
A D Mullally (255)	0	0	0	0	0	995
T A Munton (256)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mushtaq Ahmed (257)	2	6	0	0	122	1181
P J Newport (258)	0	0	0	0	0	760
G J Parsons (259)	0	0	0	0	0	624
M M Patel (260)	0	0	0	0	0	0
R M Pearson (261)	0	0	0	0	0	61
A R K Pierson (262)	0	0	0	0	0	752
P R Reiffel (263)	0	0	0	0	0	1308
G D Rose (264)	73	4	1	0	173	2374
I D K Salisbury (265)	0	0	0	0	0	884
A Sheriyar (266)	11	1	0	0	31	1039
K J Shine (267)	3	3	0	0	63	1230
C E W Silverwood (268)	0	0	0	0	0	1040
A M Smith (269)	16	2	1	0	76	1849
R D Stemp (270)	7	0	1	0	27	1224
P M Such (271)	9	6	0	10	139	1513
J P Taylor (272)	0	0	0	0	0	1399
P C R Tufnell (273)	9	2	0	0	49	685
S D Udal (274)	51	3	0	0	111	1712
S K Warne (275)	0	0	0	0	0	1995
Waqar Younis (276)	90	4	1	0	190	1550
S L Watkin (277)	1	4	0	-20	61	1000
N F Williams (278)	0	0	0	0	0	436
J Wood (279)	0	0	0	0	0	460

Category B

Player (no)	Runs	Wkts	Ct/St	Bonus pts	Weekly total	Overall total
U Afzaal (280)	16	1	2	0	76	786
P Aldred (281)	0	0	0	0	0	636
D A Altree (282)	0	0	0	0	0	40
G J Batty (283)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M A V Bell (284)	0	0	0	0	0	90
J Boiling (285)	0	0	0	0	0	891
M N Bowen (286)	0	0	0	0	0	1252
J E Brinkley (287)	0	0	0	0	0	7
J F Brown (288)	0	0	0	0	0	80
R J Chapman (289)	0	0	0	0	0	323
V P Clarke (290)	15	0	1	0	35	1418
D A Cosker (291)	0	0	0	0	0	666
D M Cousins (292)	0	0	0	0	0	0
A P Davies (293)	0	0	0	0	0	0
K J Dean (294)	0	0	0	0	0	726
R R Dibden (295)	0	0	0	0	0	0
M Dimond (296)	0	0	0	0	0	4
S W K Ellis (297)	0	0	0	0	0	0
J E Emburey (298)	0	0	0	0	0	534
R A Fay (299)	0	0	0	0	0	63
D Follett (300)	0	0	0	0	0	188
M J Foster (301)	0	0	0	0	0	1162
P J Franks (302)	42	3	0	-20	82	1029
R J Green (303)	14	1	0	0	34	54
G M Hamilton (304)	24	5	0	10	134	552
S Herzberg (305)	0	0	0	0	0	144
J E Hindson (306)	0	0	0	0	0	297
B C Hollioake (307)	76	3	1	5	161	1395
J G Hughes (308)	0	0	0	0	0	95
P M Hutchison (309)	0	9	0	10	190	442
A P Igglesden (310)	2	3	0	-20	42	265
J I D Kerr (311)	0	0	0	0	0	853
N Killeen (312)	0	0	0	0	0	226
J Lewis (313)	6	4	0	0	86	1172
S Lugsden (314)	0	0	0	0	0	24
R S C Martin-Jenkins (315)	0	0	0	0	0	137
A D Mascarenhas (316)	0	0	0	0	0	64
T J Mason (317)	0	0	0	0	0	411
S M Milburn (318)	0	0	0	0	0	293
R W Nowell (319)	0	0	0	0	0	0
J Ormond (320)	4	0	0	0	4	669
O T Parkin (321)	0	0	0	0	0	101
M W Patterson (322)	0	0	0	0	0	0
B J Phillips (323)	25	3	0	-20	65	889
N C Phillips (324)	0	0	0	0	0	56
R A Pick (325)	0	0	0	0	0	223
N W Preston (326)	0	0	0	0	0	28
M Rawnsley (327)	0	0	0	0	0	283
S J Renshaw (328)	27	1	0	0	47	1240
M A Robinson (329)	3	6	0	-30	93	1071
M J Saggers (330)	0	0	0	0	0	329
J P Searle (331)	0	0	0	0	0	0
D J Shadford (332)	12	1	0	-20	12	706
K P Sheeraz (333)	0	0	0	0	0	84
G C Small (334)	0	0	0	0	0	684
E J Stanford (335)	0	0	0	0	0	52
S D Thomas (336)	27	7	2	10	217	1393
J B Thompson (337)	3	3	0	-20	43	768
M J Thursfield (338)	0	0	0	0	0	154
H R J Trump (339)	0	0	0	0	0	101
A J Tudor (340)	0	0	0	0	0	396
M J Vandrau (341)	0	0	0	0	0	349
A P van Troost (342)	0	0	0	0	0	137
A Walker (343)	0	0	0	0	0	297
G Welch (344)	62	3	0	5	127	2031
A G Wharf (345)	0	0	0	0	0	0
T N Wren (346)	0	0	0	0	0	51
G Yates (347)	0	0	0	0	0	1009

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket and catch and 40 points for each stumping.

Five bonus points are awarded for a half-century, ten bonus points are awarded for a century and for five wickets in an innings, and 20 bonus points are awarded for ten wickets in a match.

Twenty points are deducted for a duck.

All points scored in Test matches are doubled.

☐ *Source: ECB/PA Cricket Record*

Cookies take biscuit

MR J. COOK, of Boars Hill, Oxford, is the winner of the weekly prize for the Interactive Team Cricket game.

Mr Cook's team, Cookies Champs, scored 2,042 points last week, with Steve James, the Glamorgan batsman, the star of the team, with 353 points.

This week's prize is a photograph of a player of the year, signed and framed, an England cricket cap, signed by members of the England team, a first edition of the PCA Year Book '97, signed by members of the Professional Cricketers' Association, and two tickets for a day at the sixth Test match.

COOKIES CHAMPS. Batsmen: S P James (Glamorgan), M L Hayden (Hampshire), A P Grayson (Essex), P Johnson (Nottinghamshire), J P Stephenson (Hampshire). All-rounder: M A Ealham (Kent). Wicketkeeper: P A Nixon (Leicestershire). Bowlers: A F Giles (Warwickshire), G D Rose (Somerset), G Welch (Warwickshire), S D Thomas (Glamorgan).

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

EACH team depending on when it is registered will be allocated a number of transfer allowances. If you register in May your team will be allocated ten transfers, in June you will be allocated eight transfers, in July six, in August four and in September two.

You may use as many or as few as you wish but they must replace like for like ie one bowler for another bowler. All transfers must be made before a first-class match. Transfer periods will be set weekly and any transfers made in one transfer period will become effective for the matches which begin within the next transfer period.

The transfer line opened on Wednesday May 21 and will remain open for the season. Transfers must be made by midnight on a Monday in order to be effective for any first-class matches beginning after that date. Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling

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IN BRIEF

Towers return

LONDON Towers have re-signed the nucleus of the squad who helped them win the basketball Budweiser League championship final and 7-Up Trophy last season. Neville Austin, the England centre, Danny Lewis and Karl Brown have all agreed new deals, to the delight of the coach, Kevin Cadle. "Hopefully, by keeping this nucleus, we can go into this year's European Cup and domestic competition with more experience, which should hold us in good stead," he said.

☐ **Golf:** Michael and Robin Hall staged a brave fightback on the opening day of the Burhill Family Foursomes yesterday. They were three down with three to play against against the Collins, of Burhill, but went on to win at the second extra hole.

☐ **Cycling:** Britain's team for the mountain bike world championships in Switzerland in September includes the current senior men's and women's cross country champions, Nick Craig and Caroline Alexander. Fifty-one riders are in the squad named for the nine disciplines.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 38

LAMPADARY

(c) A cluster of lamps, a candelabrum. Also an officer in the church of Constantinople, whose duty it was to provide for the lighting of the church, and to bear a taper before the emperor and the patriarch in processions. From the Greek *lampás* a lamp. "At nightfall thirty-two lampadaries were lighted, the lamps in the Champs Elysées and the streets being covered with crape."

MARINARY

(c) Seamanship: knowledge of navigation. From the medieval Latin. "Through their ignorance in Marinary, they stranded their Vessel."

MOUNCEL

(b) An assemblage (of animals), a division of a herd. From the Old French *muncel* a heap. *Merlin*, 1450: "The crowned lyon that hadde his bestes departed in to xviij mouncels, and in eche mouncell was a lyonsewe that hadde lordshippe over hem."

MUMBLEBEE

(a) A Devon boat. Local dialect. 1898, *Dictionary of Sea Terms*: "*Mumbleby* or *Mumblebee*, a name applied by by Brixham fishermen to a boat midway midway in size between a *hooker* and a *trawler*."

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Midweek View

You would think that a politician who chose to withdraw for a time from public life and public pronouncements would know when to make a comeback. A cynical observer of political life — that is to say, anyone that ever picked up a newspaper — would think that a politician who chose a brief spell of exile would spend the entire period of his absence plotting the dramatic return.

I shall never be cynical about a politician again, for John Major has leapt back into public life with all the forethought and planning of the Last of the Brudenells at the head of the Light Brigade. He could not help himself. The subject, you see, was cricket.

The conspiracy theorist might think that this was a brilliant improvisation, exploiting a populist issue such as sport. Major had been biding his time, waiting for just such a moment as this, when he might remind his former public that it is he, and not the present Prime Minister, who has the common touch: that it is he, the Brixton boy, he alone that understands what makes a British heart beat.

But this was no planned move. It was a simple matter of emotional incontinence. It was cricket, you see, and — truly, madly, deeply — Major cares. He is in thrall to its many and varied mythologies. Cricket, sport, does that to people, even to former prime ministers.

The issue that roused his sleeping passions was the suggestion, from the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, that the proposed lottery-funded British Academy of Sport should concentrate on Olympic sports — to the exclusion of the team sports, such as football, rugby union and, yes, cricket. "Sheer political spite," Major said, rather bafflingly. No, the plan should be changed "before it makes a mockery of our nation's sporting ambitions".

Sorry, John, but the England cricket team has already done that. They managed that long before the Labour Government got in, reaching a nadir of sorts in Zimbabwe. Major went on about "the Government's ill-judged decision", but he showed an uncanny lack of judgment himself. "They have excluded," he thundered, "precisely those sports which most bring the nation together."

Well, nearly right. If you wish to be bothered by the actual facts, the team sports on which Major is so keen are coldly and deliberately organised to maximise their divisive effect. The United Kingdom, the country — correct me if I am wrong — over which Major held sway as Prime Minister, actually has four national football teams; for that matter, 3½ national rugby union teams.

The history of both cricket and rugby union as aspects of the class war hardly needs restating here. The Norman Tebbit cricket test highlights deep divisions in society. In short, international sport is utterly divisive and Major was speaking utterly without thinking. For Major, as for most people, one of sport's great charms is that it lets you off thinking.

We had a general election and, as Sam Goldwyn had it, we have all passed a lot of water since then. And there have been plenty of contentious issues, matters esculent to those with a taste for such things. But it was not war and peace and justice and mercy and human rights and human wrongs that roused Major from his lair. It was cricket.

Sport. People love it with a passion that makes no sense. Sport subsumes rationality. Real life: what is that? It is for the sort of people who cannot handle sport. Like all forms of incontinent love, sporting love makes fools of people and its victims don't care.

Sport is the powerful stuff. In Japan, drunkenness is accepted as a legitimate holiday from politeness and the necessary formal measure of everyday life. In this country, sport is nothing less than a holiday from rationality itself.

I do not intend these words to be critical. I do not set myself up as a wholly rational Cartesian being. No one who spends as much money as I do on horses can make serious claims for rationality. Or sanity. Horses are my folly and joy and there's an end to the matter.

Cricket is Major's joy and good luck to him, but the joys of sport stem from sport's perfect triviality. It is as well to bear this in mind — also the fact that sport is folly and nobody who finds joy in it can escape that small touch of foolishness that sport imposes on us. To bowdlerise the words of Sonny Barger, president of the Oakland Chapter of the Hell's Angels, to the policeman at Bass Lake: Sheriff, we're all fools, or we wouldn't be here.

BOWLS: FOURS TEAMS FROM SAME COUNTY CLOSE IN ON PLACES IN FINAL

Somerset ready to repeat rare feat

By David Rhys Jones

ANDREW HASSON

Bill Hamilton, of Warwickshire, sets a wood in motion with style at the national championships at Worthing

THE prospect of an all-Somerset final was exciting a large crowd at Beach House Park last night after teams from Clevedon and Bridgwater qualified for this morning's semi-finals of the English Bowling Association's national fours championship.

Clevedon defeated John Simmons and his Garston club-mates from Hertfordshire, 26-10, in the quarter-finals yesterday, while Bridgwater BCL scored 15 shots in five mid-game ends on their way to a 27-13 win over Buckden, who beat Tony Allcock's Cheltenham on Monday.

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Every county sends two representatives to Worthing in each of the four leading events and they are seeded in separate halves of the draw, but the chances of two teams from the same county meeting in the final are extremely slim.

Strangely, Somerset has achieved the distinction twice, once in 1978, when David Bryant was beaten by Charlie Burchin in the singles final, and again the following year, when teams from Bristol and Weston-super-Mare met in the triples final.

Roy Hedges, who now plays for Clevedon, was in the Bristol trio 18 years ago and is hoping to win his second English title, while Pip Branfield, Clevedon's third man, skipped the club to the triples title in 1984. Steve Withers is at lead and Grahame Luker at skip.

The Bridgwater quartet's story is a dream come true for a brand new combination, in particular for Barry Smith, Mike Davies and Don Fowkes, who will be defending their national triples title later this week. Smith, who had not played bowls for 13 years, came out of retirement last summer to partner Davies and Fowkes, who moved to the British Cellophane Club from Banwell and Burnham respectively, so that they could play together.

The scratch combination proved irresistible. First at county level, then at Worthing, the three have gone from strength to strength. This season, they have introduced Richard Billington, a bubbly character, at third man, and have showed they can win at fours as well as triples.

The British Cellophane Club is no longer part of the recreational facilities provided by the Bridgwater-based plastics firm, so there has been a change of name since last season and the champions are competing in the fours and defending their triples title as members of Bridgwater BCL.

In the semi-finals today, Bridgwater will play a strong four from Rainworth Miners Welfare, skipped by Keith Davies, who beat Bournemouth 20-13.

Clevedon's task looks tougher. They play Swindon Westlecot, who they know well from national indoor competition, as they compete in the same region. The Swindon back-end, Mel Biggs and Steve Warren, won the England pairs title two years ago and Warren, an inspirational skip who wears his heart on his sleeve, is reportedly in fine form this summer.

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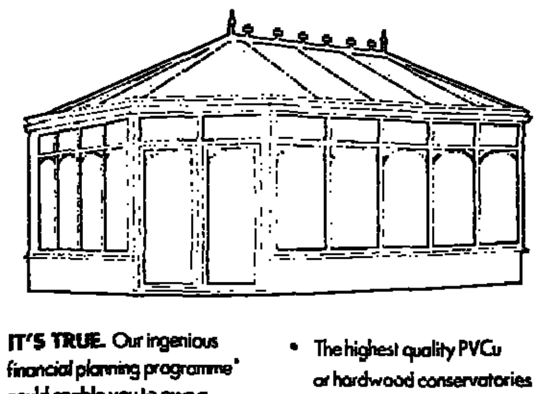

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TENNIS

Henman and Rusedski at mercy of draw in US Open

By Julian Muscat
Tennis Correspondent

TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedski have missed out on seeded berths at the US Open, which begins at Flushing Meadow, New York, on Monday. Although the Britons moved up the world rankings this week, the presence of all 16 of the leading men has them at the mercy of the draw tomorrow.

Both players performed well at New Haven, Connecticut, last week, but first-round losses in earlier tournaments compromised their rankings. Henman advanced by one place, to No 20, after reaching the quarter-finals at New Haven. Rusedski jumped four places, to a career-best No 23 after his semi-final defeat by Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the eventual winner.

Henman, the British No 1, has more to lose from an early exit at Flushing Meadow. Having reached the quarter-finals 12 months ago, his ranking will slip appreciably if he makes an early exit. Rusedski last night was due to play his opening-round match in the MFS Pro Championships in Boston. Should he reach the third round, he will almost certainly overtake Henman, who has forsaken tournament play this week, in favour of practice. Last year, the US Open seeding committee controversially strayed from the players' official rankings. Among those downgraded was Kafelnikov, who withdrew in protest. This time, the committee has resisted the urge: Kafelnikov is seeded No 3 behind Pete Sampras, the top seed and defending champion, and Michael Chang. Sampras, with ten grand slam tournament wins to his name, is bidding to close down on Roy Emerson's record of 12.

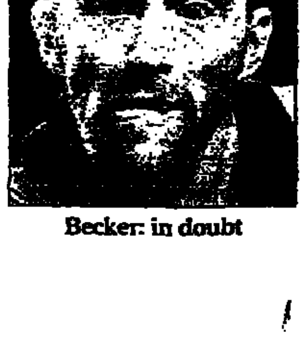
Boris Becker, seeded No 13, is due to play his last grand slam event before retiring later this year. However, his participation has been thrown into doubt by the death of Axel Meyer-Woelden, 58, a close friend and business associate. Becker, who pulled out of the Boston event on hearing the news, has not played for four weeks because of injury.

In the women's singles, Martina Hingis, beaten just twice this year, is the youngest No 1 seed in the tournament's history. Hingis, who will be 17 a week on Saturday, supercedes Tracy Austin, who was 17 years and eight months when top-seeded in 1980. Among the leading 16, only Steffi Graf is absent through injury. Graf is making swift progress from the knee injury that she sustained before Wimbledon and hopes to return to competitive tennis in time for the Chase Championships at Madison Square Garden, New York, in November.

SEEDINGS

MEN: 1, P Sampras (US). 2, M Chang (US). 3, Y Kafelnikov (Russ). 4, G Ivanisevic (Cro). 5, T Muster (Austria). 6, A Corretja (Sp) 7, S Bruguera (Sp). 8, C Moya (Sp); 9, G Kuerten (Br). 10, M Rios (Chile). 11, T Enqvist (Swe); 12, F Mantilla (Sp) 13, B Becker (Ger). 14, P Rafter (Aus); 15, M Philippoussis (Aus). 16, P Korda (Cz)

WOMEN: 1, M Hingis (Switz). 2, M Seles (US); 3, J Novotna (Cz); 4, I Majoli (Cro); 5, A Coetzer (SA); 6, L Davenport (US); 7, C Martinez (Sp); 8, A Huber (Ger). 9, M Pierce (Fr): 10, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp). 11, I Spirlea (Rom); 12, M J Fernandez (US). 13, B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl); 14, B Paulus (Austria). 15, R Dragomir (Rom). 16, K Po (US).



Becker: in doubt

TELEVISION CHOICE

Silly and serious ideas

TW Time Machine
BBC1, 7.30pm

As silly inventions go, the vacuum cleaner that cuts hair must rank near the top of the list, but it makes a light-hearted interlude in this latest trawl through 33 years of *Tomorrow's World*. It is recalled by *TW*'s veteran presenter, Raymond Baxter, as a highlight of the year that also saw the fire at Windsor Castle. Another raid on the archives recalls two stabs, many years apart, at a more user-friendly bassoon. Professor Giles Brindley and Edgar Brown each appeared on the show claiming to have the answer. Now they have been brought together, with a professional bassoonist, Gordon Lang, judging their efforts. But *Tomorrow's World* has more serious uses. David Watts, a keen rugby player, is grateful to the programme for pointing the way towards a new treatment for a torn ligament.

The Day That Changed My Life
BBC2, 7.30pm

Most of the lives in this series have changed for the worse, but here to break the pattern is what its subject describes as a fairytale come true. She is Gill Neville, who grew up in a council house in Malvern and left school at 15 to work in a school kitchen. From this unpromising start she became a successful model and later ran her own agency. Then, well into her thirties and resigned to staying single, she met Ross Pedrana, an Australian farmer and vet who was in Britain on a business trip. They fell for each other at once, married and she gave up a fulfilling career and busy social life in London to deliver lambs and castrate bulls in the loneliness of the Australian Outback. The readjustment was difficult at first but she has no regrets. Her departure has clearly been much harder for her mother and her sisters.

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 8.00pm

Christopher Moran, a millionaire with a passion for Tudor architecture, is rebuilding a great palace on the banks of the Thames and his critics are crying fake. Not much of Crosby Hall, once the home of Sir Thomas More, has survived but Moran is determined to bring it back to life, drawing on elements of such Tudor masterpieces as Hampton Court. Moran insists on the integrity of the project but the architect, Max Hutchinson, dismisses it as a "self-indulgent nouveau riche gesture". In quieter mood "whispering" Dan Cruikshank celebrates the little-known and long-abandoned royal gunpowder factory at Waltham Abbey in Essex and the actress Sorcha Cusack revisits Dalkey Island south of Dublin, an insignificant place but rich in childhood memories.

Hong Kong customs men (BBC1, 10pm)

Inside Story: Smoke Rings
BBC1, 10.00pm

With smoking denounced as a killer and in decline in the Western world, tobacco companies are looking to make their profits elsewhere. China, which accounts for one in every three cigarettes smoked in the world, is a prime target. Tobacco manufacturers spend millions promoting their brands there, but are up against high import duties and a state monopoly system. The film estimates that only 5 per cent of cigarettes sold in China are of foreign origin and it claims that the vast majority of these are smuggled in, through Hong Kong and the Philippines. It further alleges that the tobacco giant BAT, the fourth largest company on the United Kingdom stock market, knows what is going on. BAT declined to appear in the programme. But the company issued a statement saying that it does not smuggle cigarettes or condone smuggling. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Northern Lights
Radio 3, 11.55am

The longevity of the Edinburgh Festival is such that its "greatest moments" now form a very long list but *Northern Lights* will find few dissenters in choosing, for today's programme, the 1962 Festival visit by Shostakovich, who spent the entire three weeks in Edinburgh along with several other leading Russian musical figures of the time. Lord Harewood, then the festival's director, persuaded Shostakovich to appear and this memoir reveals the great composer as being extremely nervous about his likely reception in Edinburgh. The music critic Andrew Porter recalls audiences being unsure as to how to take the music of Shostakovich, but all of those appearing are convinced the Festival was right to showcase one living composer.

Costing the Earth
Radio 4, 9pm

This is an outstanding environmental series which gets to the core issues that matter to ordinary people. Tonight's programme is about fishing, and talks to fishermen and politicians in Canada and Scotland about the central conundrum that fishing poses: how can fishing communities be saved without fish stocks being threatened? Canada offers a classic lesson: a century ago, sailing ships encountered such dense shoals of cod off Newfoundland that the ships were delayed. Now, cod have vanished altogether through overfishing. There are few signs that the lesson has been learnt over here, though *Costing the Earth* demonstrates that at least everyone understands the consequences of doing nothing. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.30** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow. Live from St Ives **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jo Whiley **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Global Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00 Alex Lester **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Ralph McTell **9.00** The Nettlebed Sessions (3/5) **9.30** Thicker than Water: Terry Wogan and his son Mark **10.00** Steve Wright Picture Show **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Patrick Lunt

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Julian Worricker Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Football Night with Eleanor Oldroyd. World Cup qualifying matches: Northern Ireland v Germany, the Republic of Ireland v Lithuania and Wales v Turkey **10.00** Richard Littlejohn **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sport **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Meridian Live **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Celebration Concerts **10.05** Business **10.15** The Farming World **10.30** Science File **10.45** Sport **11.30** One Planet **12.30pm** Sport **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Widtrack **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.05** Sport **4.15** Performance: Star of India **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** The Works **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** F.O.O.C. **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Omnibus **3.30** Meridian Books **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

3.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Hall of Fame **1.00pm** Listeners' Requests **2.00** Concerto. Mendelssohn (Concerto for Two Pianos in A flat major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Bach (Trio Sonata in B flat major) **8.00** Classic Concert. Tippett (Fantasia on a Theme of Handel; A Child of Our Time); Tavener (Eternal Memory) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Classic Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nick Abbot **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Franck (Les Eolides); Schubert (Ave Maria, D839); Wolf-Ferrari (Festa Popolare; Intermezzo; Serenata; Danza Napolitana, Jewels of the Madonna); Bach (Violin Sonata in E minor, BWV1023); Delalande (Concert de Trompettes, Sinfonie pour les Soupers du Roy); Delius (Brigg Fair)
9.00 Morning Collection. Introduced by Catriona Young. Includes Sibelius (Serenade No 1 in D); Dowland (Flow My Tears); Mozart (Serenade in D, K320, Posthorn)
10.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Britten
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival. Pamela Frank and Joshua Bell, violins, Tabea Zimmermann, viola, Steven Isserlis, cello, Alexander Longvich, piano. Mozart (Duo in G for Violin and Viola, K423); Schumann (Piano Trio No 1 in D minor, Op 63) 11.55 Northern Lights. See Choice 12.15pm Concert, part two. Mendelssohn (String Quartet No 6 in F minor, Op 80)
1.00 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Martin Roscoe, piano. Bach (French Suite No 5 in G, BWV816); Schumann (Kreisleriana) (r)
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear last Friday's concert featuring Andras Schiff, piano, Budapest Festival Orchestra, under Ivan Fischer. Bartok (Hungarian Sketches; Romanian Folk Dances; Piano Concerto No 1); Brahms (Hungarian Dances Nos 1 and 10; Symphony No 2 in D) (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong. From the Priory Church, Edington, as part of the 1997 Festival of Music
5.00 The Music Machine. As part of the week's programmes exploring introductions, Tommy Pearson discusses the history of the overture with Roderick Swanston (r)
5.15 In Tune, with Anthony Burton. Includes Judith Bingham (Where Light and Shade Repose); Leclair (Violin Concerto in D, Op 10 No 3); Donizetti (Regnava Nel Silenzio ... Quando, Rapito in Estasi, Lucia di Lammermoor); Mendelssohn (Serenade and Allegro Giocoso)
7.30 BBC Proms 97. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Osmo Vanska, With Kirsi Tiihonen, soprano, Jukka Rasilainen, baritone, Helsinki University Male Chorus. Sibelius (The Wood Nymph; Luonnotar) 8.05 Sibelius in Person. Sir Thomas Beecham, Walter Legge and Dr Carlton Young recall the composer (r) 8.25 Concert, part two. Sibelius (Kullervo)
10.00 Still Life with Kazin. The American writer and critic Alfred Kazin talks to Russell Davies about writers and poets from the South (3/5) (r)
10.25 Weber. Michael Collins, clarinet, and Ian Brown, piano. Weber (Grand Duo Concertant, Op 48) (r)
10.45 Edinburgh International Festival. Two late-night concerts of music by the Scottish Renaissance composer Robert Carver are introduced by Kirsteen McCue live from Greyfriars Kirk. *Missa Fera pessima domino*, with the bray harp played by William Taylor
11.30 Proms Composer of the Week: Bartok (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Campbell Burnap. Includes recordings by the pianists Garner, Shearing, Cole, Peterson and Brubeck
1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Orchestra of the 18th Century, under Frans Brüggen. With Stanley Hoogland, piano, barbara Borden, soprano, Kathrin Pfeiffer, contralto, Robert Coupe, tenor, Jelle Draijer, bass. Haydn (Symphonies: No 87 in A; No 82 in C, The Bear; Five Vocal Quartets)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today. Includes Sports News and Thought for the Day **8.45** Every Secret Thing, by Gillian Slovo (3/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Anthony Clare interviews the writer Brian Masters (r)
9.45 Summertime. Clare Boylan recalls a romance with an older man and her first grown-up holiday — at Butlin's
10.00 News; Toady, Grovel and Ingratiate (FM). Proficient fawners and those on the receiving end of unctuousness tell Diana Eden what it is like
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Presented by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson, Nigel Colborn, Pippa Greenwood and Bob Flowerdew (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Protesting Too Much. A comedy-drama by Kate Brooke and Sally Phillips. With John Fortune and Eleanor Bron (4/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Love Divine. The final part of Martyn Wade's three-part serial about the life and times of the founding father of Methodism, John Wesley
2.45 News; Countdown. Peter Okay, born in London to Nigerian parents, shares a pint with friends and places a couple of bets on the end of the century
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan. Anne MacNamee goes in search of grown-up fans of the rocking horse
4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini sees David Lynch's new film, *Lost Highway*, starring Patricia Arquette, and talks to Kevin Spacey about his directorial debut, *Albino Alligator*
4.45 Short Story: An Actor's Tale — Big Fish. Written and read by Steven Berkoff
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Nigel Wrench **5.55** Shipping forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz. The third round of the cryptic quiz hosted by Nick Clarke. With teams from Scotland and the South of England (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Hungry Eyes. Fintan O'Toole traces the evolution of our understanding of famines, starting with the Irish Great Hunger (r)
8.05 Reading Aloud: Work. David Horovitch reads an extract from *Akenfield*, which describes the hot and emotionally taxing life of a blacksmith
8.35 Points of Departure. John Simpson reveals how years of foreign reporting have created in him a love for Central Asia
9.00 Costing the Earth. See Choice
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alan Little
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Midnight's Children, by Salman Rushdie. Read by Roshan Seth (8/15)
11.00 The Cruiskeen Lawn. Characterisations and dramatisations based on the work of the Irish writer Flann O'Brien, aka Myles na Gopaleen
11.30 And I Am the Queen of Sheba. The game show about lies and deceit (r)
12.00 News Includes **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: Biggest Elvis, by P.F. Kluge. Read by Ron Berglas (8/10 (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Life goes on, but it can never be the same

There was little doubt that a film about the Hungerford massacre would be moving; the only real question was whether **Hungerford: Ten Years On** (BBC2) would do it in a way that proved worthwhile. As the narration noted, we have become all too familiar with mass loss of life: *Hungerford, Dunblane, Hillsborough, Lockerbie, Zeebrugge, Aberfan . . .*

But what the narration didn't mention is that we have also become familiar with how film-makers treat such disasters. There is a predictability, an inevitability, even a feeling of tokenism about their offerings, particularly when it comes to significant anniversaries. For half an hour, an hour, whatever, we have a quick fix of vicarious grief and then, with a deep breath and a sigh of relief that it wasn't us, we move on.

Lucy Jago, the producer of last night's film, could do nothing about human nature. But she could signal, early on, her intention to make this tribute just a little bit different. Instead of children playing, that perennial symbol of life "going on", an elderly couple sang as they did the washing up. They were having such fun that they started to dance around the kitchen. It was a lovely image but it became remarkable once we had learnt the story behind it.

The woman singing was Kath Wainwright. Her husband had been killed and she had been wounded by Michael Ryan as they drove into Hungerford to visit their son, who in the cruellest of many cruel twists of fate that day was also the local policeman. She had subsequently remarried and moved to a house that was just 200 yards from where she had been shot. Hungerford was such a lovely little town, she explained. Life had moved on — a devoted new husband, singing, dancing, bingo at the British Legion — but, amid all this normality, the extraordinary had not been forgotten. "It's true what they say: you don't feel the bullet that hits you."

Jago concentrated on four families and while they all had different and awful stories to tell, they shared much in common, including a deep-felt sense of guilt. Would it have happened if neighbours had befriended him? Could somebody have disarmed him? This was the sort of film where such questions were asked, but not answered.

Some anxieties you sympathised with immediately — the father still haunted by the precise directions he gave his daughter to a picnic site in Savernake Forest. Others took you by surprise, such as the Mayor who felt guilty about the privileged meetings he had with the Prime Minister and the Queen as a direct result of the shootings.

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

For the victims, it was explained, the manner of their deaths was a defining moment, in that they are destined to be remembered forever as somebody killed by Ryan rather than as the people they were. But, as Jago's intelligent and undoubtedly worthwhile film made clear, it was also a defining moment for those who survived, who now have to live with both the memories of what happened and how they reacted, however bizarre that now seems.

Kath Wainwright's daughter, Kay, recalled feeling jealous of her policeman brother as he fielded media interest, even when the press rounded on him when they discovered that he had signed Ryan's firearms certificate. Trevor, her brother, not surprisingly remembered it rather differently. What he missed was the spirit in the town for the year after the killings, a spirit that ensured — once again — that life did go on.

A completely different set of feelings were required to get through **Plane Crazy**, a documentary series charting Bob Cringely's attempt to build a plane in 30 days. The crucial word in that sentence is "series". I mean, how on earth can one man's vainglorious attempt to build a plane in quadruple quick time be worth three hours of fairly prime-time television? I had a better idea when Day One finally began after 44 minutes. Cringely is clearly not a man to rush his 180 minutes of fame.

I have so far failed to provide you with an important piece of information: Cringely is American; very, very American. He lives and works in Silicon Valley, receives more than 100 e-mails a day and has no idea of the meaning of the words "shy and retiring". What Bill Bryson did for Britain and Peter Mayle did for Provence, Cringely hopes to do for aviation.

If he just stopped wasting our time, I might not mind. But last night he spent an inordinate time honing his own innovative design for the plane, only to have it completely reworked in the last ten minutes by the man he had employed to prepare the blueprints. I think we were supposed to share the frustration (being West Coast, Cringely is big on sharing) but by then I was nursing a large chunk of my very own. One last thing, especially for those thinking this must be a variation on the *Challenge Anneka* theme, Cringely has already built five planes. Now we have to watch him building his sixth. Where's the fun in that?

The fun in **Home Ground** (BBC2) was discovering there is a flourishing trade fair for fossils, where $60,000 will buy you your own fossilised tree fern, complete with fossilised fish. What the fish were doing up the tree fern in the first place was never explained. The mild disappointment was watching a well-intentioned programme never quite hit its target, never quite proving that the commercial exploitation of fossils was necessarily a bad thing. The tree fern and attendant fish, by the way, were destined to end up in a casino. Very surreal.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (80575)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (78643)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5053372)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (5034682)
9.50 Esther (r) (T) (6937049)
10.20 Put It to the Test (5997020)
10.45 Carrier's Caribbean (r) (2969914)
11.00 News (T) and weather (2730865)
11.05 Due South (r) (T) (6735876)
11.50 Good Neighbours (T) (6599339)
12.00 News; (T) and weather (4305865)
12.05pm Wipeout (r) (T) (8564469)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (1896339)
1.00 News *(T) and weather (71730)*
1.30 Regional News (T) (88752556)
1.40 Murder on Sycamore Street (1992) with Dick Van Dyke, George *Hamilton* and David Warner. A doctor-detective investigates the apparent suicide of an eminent plastic surgeon. There's no shortage of murder suspects. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II (T) (4828020)
3.10 Quincy (r) (1780488)
4.00 Popeye (2858643) **4.10** The Thunderlizards (r) (2854827) **4.20** Morph TV with Tony Hart (2272865) **4.35** Prince of Atlantis (T) (1595484) ***5.00*** Newsround (T) (2467285) **5.10** The Lowdown (r) (T) (3318198)
5.35 Neighbours *(r) (T) (725759)*
6.00 News (T) and weather (339)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (T) (391)
7.00 Big Break Stars of the Future Jim Davidson and John Virgo introduce teenage snooker stars attempting to win *prizes for their schools (8778)*
7.30 TW Time Machine What has become of the inventions featured on *Tomorrow's World* over the years? (T) (575)
8.00 The National Lottery Live from Edinburgh (T) (214469)
8.15 Dick Emery: A Life on the Box A tribute to the late comedian, introduced by Terry Wogan (T) (487556)
8.45 Points of View (T) (190440)
9.00 News; Regional News (T) (9865)
9.29 National Lottery Update (668952)
9.30 Men Behaving Badly Deborah and Dorothy go away for a sailing weekend, leaving the men to get up to mischief (r) (T) (51391)
10.00 Inside Story: Smoke Rings Is there a connection between the West's tobacco giants and the smugglers trying to get cigarettes into China? (T) (643001)
10.55 Oasis: Right Here Right Now The band introduce a preview of selected tracks from their third album *Be Here Now* and give their own account of what has undoubtedly been a tumultuous year for them (T) (367339)
11.35 Cool as Ice (1991) with Vanilla Ice, Kristin Minter, Naomi Campbell and Bobby Brown. A *motorcyclist, who* is also a rap singer, rides into a small town and falls for a *pretty student — unaware her father* is being pursued by crooked cops. Directed by David Kellogg (470010)
1.05am-1.10 Weather (3258773)

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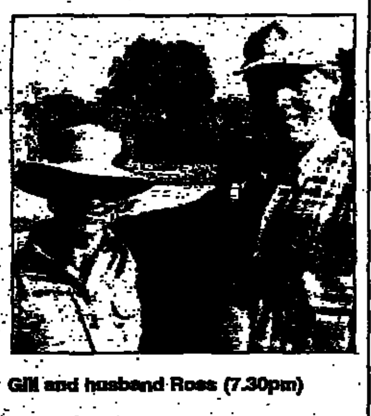
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Four Towns and a Circus (9198579) **6.25** Vibrations *(4948876)* **6.50** Work and *Energy (9032778)*
7.15 See Hear News (T and signing) (9882769)
7.30 Teletubbies (r) (4276681) **7.55** Postman Pat (r) (1471469) **8.10** Raccoons (r) (1370846) **8.35** The Really Wild Show (r) (T) (5437952) **9.05** *Spiderman* (r) (7883778) **9.35** *Smart* (6939407) **10.05** Sniffs' Adventures (5985285) **10.25** Fireman Sam **10.35** Bump (2970020) **10.45** Teletubbies (602778) **11.15** Awash with Colour (692891)
11.45 The Private Affairs of Bel Ami (1946) Melodrama with George Sanders as an unscrupulous rogue in 19th-century Paris who uses his charm with women to *advance himself socially, ruthlessly* exploiting the talent of a journalist's widow. Based on Guy de Maupassant's story, with Angela Lansbury and John Carradine. Directed by Albert Lewin (11056778)
1.35pm For the Love of It (r) (43345952) **1.40** Blockbusters (98591310) ***2.05*** *Natural* World Classics (r) (T) (8829952) **3.00** News (T) **3.05** Modern Times (r) (T) (4319952) **3.55** News (T)
4.00 Old Acquaintance (1943) Drama; with Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins. Directed by Vincent Sherman (65519391) **WALES: 4.00** Land of the Eagle (7752952) **4.40** The Munsters (6558933) **5.15** Lifeline (2486310) **5.25** Star Trek (3690643) **6.10** *World Cup Soccer (79990440)* ***8.30*** The Day That Changed My Life (4575) **9.00** One Foot in the Past (7407) **9.30** The Burger and the King (56914)
5.50 Lifeline (r) (T) (454285) **6.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (T) (586594) **6.45** Ren and Stimpy (T) (897136) **7.05** The Munsters (r) (T) (837914)



Gill and husband Ross (7.30pm)

7.30 The Day That Changed My Life One woman's extraordinary story of how she found love. Last in series (T) (117)
8.00 One Foot in the Past The actress Sorcha Cusack visits her childhood haunt, Dalkey (T) (5440)
8.30 Corrina, Corrina (1994) Sentimental drama set in the late 1950s about a *coloured housekeeper falling for her* white widowed employer. With Whoopi Goldberg, Ray Liotta and Don Ameche. Directed by Jessie Nelson (T) (70870117)
10.20 Building Sights (r) (T) (599643)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (877169)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights (829402) **12.00** Weather (4093995)
12.05am Platypus Man (8095082)
12.30 Learning Zone: Our Invisible Sun (87155) **1.00** Good Seeing (56709) **1.30** Cosmic Recycling (13228) **2.00** Music Maestro III (90537) **4.00** Languages (62179)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7414407)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (T) (5028001)
9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3996827)
10.20 News (T) (6781575)
10.25 Regional News (T) (6780846)
10.30 Murder by the Book (1987) with Robert Hays, Catharine Mary Stewart and Celeste Holm. A writer gets entangled in a *murder case worthy of one his novels.* Directed by Mel Damski (51757049)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (4301049)
12.30 News *(T) and weather (1882136)*
12.55 Shortland Street (1867827)
1.20 Home and Away (T) (14805488)
1.50 Labour of Love: The Arlette Schweitzer Story (1993) Drama, with Ann Jillian becoming a surrogate mother to her own grandchildren. Directed by Jerry London (1401488)
3.20 News (T) (2281223)
3.25 Regional News (T) (2280594)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (2415597) **3.40** Tickety Boo! (6386827) **3.50** Cartoon Time (6315339) **4.00** The Animal Shelf (2883339) **4.10** Chatterhappy Ponies (T) (2872223) **4.20** Art Attack (r) (T) (2258285) **4.40** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (r) (T) (2289020)
5.10 Yan Can Cook (2313020)
5.40 News (T) and weather (991865)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (735662)
6.25 HTV Weather (611643)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (759)
7.00 Emmerdale Zoe and Sophie reach an understanding (T) (3846)
7.30 Coronation Street Sally and Natalie engage in a full and frank exchange of views (T) (643)

John Thaw as Morse (8.00pm)

8.00 Inspector Morse: The Infernal Serpent A highly respected scientist is bumped off just as he is about to deliver a controversial lecture on the environment (r) (T) Followed by Lottery Result (2827)
10.00 News (T) and Weather (30310)
10.30 Regional News (T) (454469)
10.40 Betsy's Wedding (1990) directed by and starring Alan Alda, with Molly Ringwald, Anthony LaPaglia and Joe Pesci. A woman's low-key wedding is spoiled by her father's plans for a lavish *Italian-Jewish celebration (T) (16231952)*
12.30 amJody Horowitz Reports (7277402)
12.35 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol *(9705131)*
1.00 Revealing Evidence (1990) Crime thriller with Stanley Tucci, Mary Page Keller *and* Wendy Kilbourne. Directed by Michael Switzer (205860)
2.40 Customs Classified (r) (6690711) **3.25** International Motor Racing (r) (8770266) **4.20** Sound Bites (22306841) **4.35** The Time, the Place (r) (70140889) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (51402) **5.30** News *(28599)*

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: Decoration Day (51757049)
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (1867827)
1.50-3.20 Film: All for Mary (1401488)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2313020)
6.25-7.00 Central News (365989)
10.40 Film: Conan the Destroyer (18321594)
12.30am Film: The Blood of Fu Manchu (931247)
2.15 In Focus (7298957)
3.00 The Chart Show (10063)
4.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (3503624)
5.20 Asian Eye (6947537)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30am Film: A Green Journey (51757049)
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (4301049)
12.55 Home and Away (8577198)
1.20 Emmerdale (10457372)
1.50-3.20 Film: All for Mary (1401488)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2313020)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (41914)
10.30 Westcountry News (478049)
10.45 Special Report *(491759)*
11.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (187285)
11.40 Hunter (748440)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.30am Cartoon Time (2975575) **10.40 David the Gnome** (3482594) **11.05 Cartoon Time** (4351594) **11.25 BraveStarr** (4337914) ***11.50 Dinosaurs*** *(9659020)* ***1.50pm Summer Crafts*** (98675372) **2.20-3.20 Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman** (8600827) **5.10-5.40 Home and Away** (2313020) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (407) **6.30-7.00 The Channel Story** (759) **10.40 The Pier** (975001) **11.05 The Listings** (624391) **11.10 Highlander** (885310) **12.05am Alfred Hitchcock Presents** *(8070773)* ***5.00*** **Freescreen** (51402)

ANGLIA

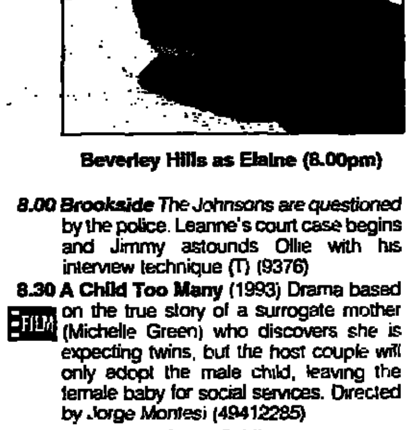
As HTV West except:
10.30am Cartoon Time (2975575) **10.40 David the Gnome** *(3482594)* **11.05 Cartoon Time** (4351594) **11.25 BraveStarr** (4337914) **11.50 Dinosaurs** (9659020) **12.19pm Anglia Air Watch** (4380556) **12.55-1.25 A Country Practice** (1867827) **1.50 Nurses** (98675372) **2.20-3.20 Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman** (8600827) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** *(2313020)* ***6.23 Anglia Weather*** *(612372)* ***6.25-7.00*** **Anglia News** (365989) **10.29 Anglia Air Watch** (860643) **10.30 Anglia News and Weather** (478049) **10.45 Film: I Love You to Death** (18320865)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (73285) **7.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (94681) **9.00 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (4383001) **9.35 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (6924575) **10.05 Sister, Sister** (7966198) **10.35 The Crystal Maze** (3882594) **11.35 The Bigger Breakfast** *(9668778)* ***12.05pm California Dreams*** (7033223) **12.30 Ricki Lake** (64865) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (66729846) **1.15 Tic Toc** (66717001) **1.30 The Living Sea** (63136) **2.00 Racing from York** (8488) **4.00 Bewitched** (372) **4.30 A Game of War** (98730) **5.30 Countdown** (136) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (359391) **6.05 Heno** *(713440)* ***6.35 Hollol Bananas*** *(628933)* **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (863339) **7.25 Garej** (121136) **8.00 Ma Ifan 'Ma** (9376) **8.30 Newyddion** (9643) **9.00 Plane Crazy** (9117) **10.00 Brookside** (379914) **10.35 Babylon 5** (556136) **11.30 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out** (54575) **12.00am Gas** (18112) **12.30 Cybill** *(9704402)* **12.55 Cybill** *(5976247)*

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (73285)
7.00 The Bigger Breakfast with **9.05** Saved by the Bell (r) (T) ***9.35*** *Alex Mack* **10.05** Sister, Sister (r) **10.35** The Crystal Maze (r) (T) **11.35** The Bigger Breakfast (18408907)
12.05pm California Dreams Sly asks Lynne out on a date (r) (7033223)
12.30 Light Lunch (r) (67681)
1.30 The Living Sea: Shadowland A nocturnal visit to the coral reefs (r) (T) (63136)
2.00 Racing from York Brough Scott introduces the **2.05, 2.35** (Yorkshire Oaks), **3.10** (Tote-Ebor H'cap) and **3.45** (Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes) (8488)
4.00 Bewitched An episode set in England (r) *(372)* ***4.30*** *Countdown (T) (4640353)* **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6548556) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (136)
6.00 **Snap!** *presented by Denise Van Outen* (T) (579)
6.30 Roseanne Roseanne and Jackie console a broken-hearted Crystal with a night out on the town and some observations on life and men (r) (T) (371)
7.00 News and weather (580730)
7.50 Girls, Girls, Girls Imogen describes a car accident that had far-reaching consequences (515440)



Beverley Hills as Elaine (8.00pm)

8.00 **Brookside** *The Johnsons are questioned* by the police. Leanne's court case begins and Jimmy astounds Ollie with his interview technique (T) (9376)
8.30 A Child Too Many (1993) Drama based on the true story of a surrogate mother (Michelle Green) who discovers she is expecting twins, but the host couple will only adopt the male child, leaving the female baby for social services. Directed by Jorge *Montesi* (49412285)
10.15 Space Cadets Sci-Fi comedy quiz hosted by Greg Proops (r) (T) (483730)
10.45 **Babylon 5** *Sheridan plans to lure the* Shadows into open warfare with the Vorlons (T) (545020)
11.40 Crapston Villas (4/10) (r) (T) (306643)
12.00 The Avengers (b/w) (r) (T) (73624)
1.00am Under Two Flags (1936, b/w) Romantic comedy starring Ronald Colman as an Englishman who joins the Foreign Legion after taking the blame for his brother's crime. Also with Claudette Colbert *and Rosalind Russell. Directed by* Frank Lloyd (959179)
2.50 Travels with My Camera Writer Charles *Nicholl goes in search of Eldorado in* South America (r) (T) (3862518)
3.50 Nightwatch (r) (6955605)
4.45 Out of Order *Is modern art rubbish? (r)* (12688605)
5.00 J'Accuse: Benjamin Britten (r) (59044)
5.30 Film and Video Showcase (19841)

CHANNEL 5

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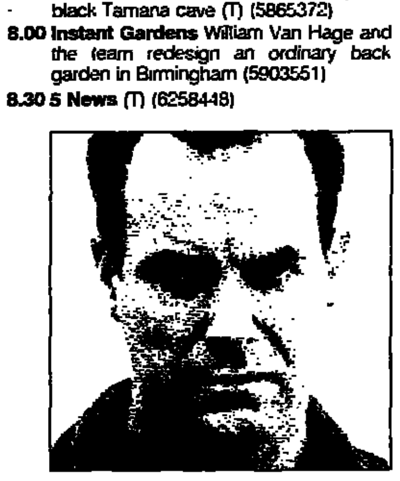
6.00am 5 News Early (7400556)
7.30 WideWorld: Whose Health? Dr Mark Porter looks at doctor-patient consultations (7/10) (6126846)
8.00 Havakazoo (2559117) **8.00** Wishbone (9581020) **9.00** Wind in the Willows (2532440) **9.30** Stickin' Around (9466169)
10.00 Exclusive (r) (9693933)
10.30 Flights of Fancy: In Praise of Penguins (r) (T) (2561952)
11.00 Leeza Chat show hosted by Leeza Gibbons *(2798933)*
11.50 Double Espresso (33318662)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Los Angeles-based soap (T) (2552204)
12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9161317) **1.00** 5 News Update (22208223) **1.05** Sunset Beach *(1416759)* ***2.00*** *5's Company. Live* entertainment show (3823914)
3.30 California (1946) with Ray Milland and *Barbara Stanwyck. A western drama set* at the time of the California gold rush of 1848 Directed by John Farrow (2001335)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (60060643)
5.30 100 Per Cent (5888223)
6.00 Move on Up Game show presented by Richard Morton (T) (5885136)
6.30 Family Affairs Angus is determined to put a stop to the Charnham crime wave (5876488)
7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (1208943)
7.30 Animal Calypso: Bats of Tamana A wildlife documentary about the animals that can be found in Trinidad's pitch-black Tamana cave (T) (5865372)
8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage and the *team redesign an ordinary back* garden in Birmingham (5903551)
8.30 5 News (T) (6258448)



Gary Sweet as Cody (9.00pm)

9.00 Cody: Fall from Grace Australian police drama series starring Gary Sweet. A routine suicide inquiry turns into a murder investigation (62183335)
10.50 Not the Jack Docherty Show Music and chat (1439372)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2705285)
12.25am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (22302995)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco A young *girl is kidnapped and a woman who* claims to have ESP seems to know too much about the abduction (T) (8591518)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6155421)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (800681) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (50846) **10.00** Another World (35952) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (22488) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (55056) **1.00pm** Geraldo (81556) **2.00** *Sally Jessy* Raphael (88556) **3.00** Jenny Jones (14810) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (23907) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5223) ***6.00*** *Real TV* (8285) **6.30** Married — with Children (2865) **7.00** The Simpsons (6952) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8049) **8.00** Seventh Heaven (20469) **9.00** Pacific Palisades (33933) **10.00** *L.A.P.D.* (36020) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (36681) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (95860) **1.00am** Hit Mix (9267711)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (1365579) **7.30** Superboy (5845556) **8.00** Sightings (8255827) **9.00** New York Undercover (8268391) **10.00** Water Rats (8278778) ***11.00*** *In the Heat of the Night (8206117)* **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (8191150)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am A Simple Twist of Fate (1994) (74682) **8.00 Running Brave** (1983) (42066) **10.00 The Blue Bird** (1976) (37931778) ***11.45 The Crowded Sky*** (1960) (556730) **1.45pm Memories of Me** (1988) (68319625) **3.30 Homeward Bound** (1980) (898730) **5.15 A Simple Twist of Fate** (1994) (80963407) **7.00 Hercules and the Circle of Fire** (1994) (32965) **9.00 Mighty Aphrodite** (1995) (41952) **11.00 Virtual Desire** (1995) (173643) **12.45am *Bandolero!*** (1968) (556228) **2.35 Farinelli — Il Castrato** (1994) (680518) **4.25 The Blue Bird** (1976) (446082)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am I Walked with a Zombie (1943) (8328575) **7.10 The Curse of the Cat People** (1944) (7633310) **8.20 Three Ninjas Kick Back** (1994) (80417556) **10.00 The Invisible Man Returns** (1940) (95759) **12.00 Les Rendez-Vous de Paris** (1995) (83001) **2.00pm Tension at Table Rock** (1956) (25914) **4.00 Young Indiana Jones: Travels with Father** (1996) (5469) **6.00 Nowhere to Hide** (1996) (88865) **7.30 E! Reel Week** (1759) **8.00 The Net** (1995) (40223) ***10.00 Candyman: Farewell to the Flesh*** (1995) (287285) **11.40 Twenty Bucks** (1993) (581407) **1.15am Adventures of a Taxi Driver** (1976) *(521678)* **2.50 Chiller** (1985) (579085) **4.30 Gulliver's Travels** (1983) (89805)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm White Christmas (1954) (9876759) **8.00 The Dream Team** (1989) (9871204) **10.00 Black Rain** (1989) (54953778) **12.10am *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*** (1992) (96099421) **1.35 The Music Lovers** (1971) (72155570) **3.40-5.10 Angel Face** (1953) (82306063)

TNT

9.00pm Tom Thumb (1958) (74486048) **11.00 Alfred the Great** (1969) (24007486) **1.05am Young Cassidy** (1965) (96998112) **3.00-5.00 Damon and Pythias** (1962) (63835286)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (72407) **7.30** Wrestling (24608) **8.30** Racing News (69489) **9.00** Sports Centre (83049) **9.30** Aerobics (29339) **10.00** The Footballers' Football Show (57198) **11.00** Pro Beach Soccer (60682) **12.00** Aerobics (63285) **12.30pm** Wild Spirits (90827) **1.00** World Windsurfing Tour (71778) **1.30** Tartan *Extra* (98198) ***2.00*** Rebel Sports (26730) **3.00** The Footballers' Football Show (52594) **4.00** Pro Beach Soccer (31001) **5.00** Wrestling (7469) **6.00** Sports Centre (3759) **6.30** *Futbol Mundial* (7339) **7.00** The Pavilion End (68643) **8.00** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (89407) **10.00** Sports Centre (64914) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (73662) **11.00** The Pavilion End (58827) **12.00** Sports Centre (94570) **12.30am** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (77150) **2.30-2.30** Sports Centre (15808)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 *Rebel Sports* (12836372) **1.00pm** *Golf Extra* (59365852) **3.00** Powerboat and Jetski World (71024852) **3.30** Super Dragsters (69898372) **4.00** Rebel Sports (76829533) **5.00** A Golfer's Travels (71003469) **5.30** Euro Tour Weekly (69697843) **6.00** The Winning Post: Lecaster and Kempton — Live (38576594) **8.30** Sports Centre (71011488) **9.00** Golf Extra (74490407) **11.00-11.30** Euro Tour Weekly (75476092)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Swimming (79310) **8.00** Swimming: European Championships — Live (362907) **10.30** Swimming: European Championships (67001) **11.00** Wheelies *Magazine (42117)* ***11.30*** *Kick Magazine* (43846) **12.00** Swimming (97730) **1.00pm** Swimming: European Championships — Live (2684778) **4.30** Motors Magazine *(59488)* ***5.30*** *Europa Truck Trial* (40204) **6.30** Swimming (2407) **7.00** Trickshot World Championship (87339) **9.00** Swimming (55681) **9.30** World Cup Qualifiers (12265) **11.30** ATP Tour Review (49681) **12.00-12.30am** Sailing: Admiral's Cup (29268)

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7.00am Rentaghost (2439049) **7.35** Neighbours (3830407) **8.00** Crossroads (3165440) **8.25** EastEnders (7036391) **9.00** The Bill (3197827) ***9.30*** *Shelley (5431020)* **10.00** Tellystack (1281876) **10.30** Sullivans (3126339) **11.00** Ironside (16915136) **12.05pm** Crossroads (85552488) **12.30** Neighbours (5442136) **1.00** *EastEnders* (9065985) **1.35** Morecambe and Wise (3760597) **2.35** After the Show (1901827) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (5202730) **3.30** The *Bill* (3656556) **4.00** Hold the Dream (4837136) **5.00** Casualty (19072339) **6.05** EastEnders (2435448) **6.40** Brush Strokes (5873778) **7.20** Dr Who (5982556) **7.50** George and Mildred (6259223) **8.20** *Hi-De-Hi* (4736865) **9.00** The Bill (4826020) **9.30** The Chief (33917885) **10.35** Sports Anorak of the Year (2249117) **11.05** New Statesman (9439038) **11.40 FILM: The Stud** (6577681) **1.15am** Hazell (71039402) **2.20** Shopping (26402650)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (2617240) **7.00** Coronation St (1235962) **7.30** Families (1221759) **8.00** Surprise! Surprise! (6558627) **9.00** Richard and Judy Exclusives (7177391) **9.30** Doctor at Sea (5065846) **10.00** Gentle Touch (1210643) **11.00** Love for Lydia (1230407) **12.00** Coronation St (7164827) **12.30pm** Families (5069662) **1.00** Brass (1234223) **1.30** Classic Interiors (5068933) **2.00** Surprise! Surprise! (3971778) **3.00** Gentle Touch (1180662) **4.00** Richard and Judy Exclusives (5476407) **4.30** Doctor at Sea (5465391) **5.00** Maigret (7186407) **6.00** Families (5453556) **6.30** Coronation St (5477136) **7.00 FILM: Frederick Forsyth Presents: A Little Piece of Sunshine** (1222488) **9.00** Coronation St (1198681) **9.30**. The Comedians (5056198) **10.00-11.00** *Maigret (5700339)*

Woody Allen in *Mighty Aphrodite* (Sky Movies, 9.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (45852) ***6.30*** Runaway Mouse (80933) **7.30** Little Mermaid (6754943) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (9973827) **8.10** Goof Troop (5582533) **9.00** Tale Spin (9374198) **9.25** Aladdin's *Bazaar* (6158440) **10.15** Quack Pack (3813285) **11.00** Boy Meets World (8478778) **11.25** Wonder Years (8325310) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (8254488) ***12.05pm*** *Bonkers* (3409001) **12.30** Paddington Peas (52413827) **12.35** Big Garage (41694117) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (1601730) **1.15** Madison (65539469) ***1.40*** Wonderland (45545402) **2.05** Small Stories (46307556) **2.10** Lamb Chop (15632469) **2.40** Care Bears (6504049) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4925541) ***3.25*** *Timon and Pumbaa* (6128440) **3.40** Tale Spin Double Turn (1032907) **4.30** Chooseday (5136) **5.00** Aladdin (7783204) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa *(1686001)* ***5.35*** *Mighty Ducks (626049)* **6.00** Flash Forward (6001) **6.30** Boy Meets World (5551) **7.00** Thunder Alley (1440) ***7.30 FILM: The Nightmare Before Christmas*** (197117) **8.45** Timon and Pumbaa (760830) **9.00-10.00** Touched by an Angel (41399)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Dafty and His Friends (7932407) **6.30** Pinocchio (6731092) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (8297469) **7.30** Hero Turtles (8209204) **8.00** Casper (4781925) **8.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5131466) **9.00** Masked Rider (1436858) **9.30** Beetleborgs (5168914) **10.00** Spiderman (8205488) **11.00** X Men (2189488) **11.30** Phantom 2040 (2160117) **12.00** The Tick (1531402) **12.30pm** Life with Louie (5162730) **1.00** Casper (8283440) **1.30** Eek! (5161001) **2.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (9460943) **2.30** Hero Turtles (5857391) **3.00** Casper (4210240) **3.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5869136) **4.00** Masked Rider (5848643) **4.30** Beetleborgs (5844827) **5.00** Spiderman (6210420) **6.00** X Men (5858020) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (5848372)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (25198) **6.30** Dangermouse *(46117)* **7.00** Dennis the Menace (77575) **7.30** Where's Wally? (89310) **8.00** Batman (22952) **8.30** Art Attack (92117) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (58865) **10.00** *Gravedale High (37469)* ***10.30*** *Flash* Gordon (18759) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (93865) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (34594) **12.00** Gravedale High (32339) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (52681) **1.00** Batman (76846) **1.30** Dangermouse (51952) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (6858) **2.30** Flash Gordon (6846) **3.00** Sonic (2933) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (3391) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (9198) ***4.30-5.00*** *Art Attack (1310)*

CARTOON NETWORK

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6.00am Dr Seuss (39092) **6.30** Will Quack Quack etc (32391) **7.00** Babar (70049) **7.30** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (59556) **8.00** Jumanji (31440) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (90339) **9.00** Rugrats (74391) **9.30** Rugrats (10681) **10.00** Doug (23643) **10.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (70575) **11.00** Rocko (48391) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (49020) **12.00** Pete and Pete (61827) **12.30pm** Clarissa (98469) **1.00** Alex Mack (62020) **1.30** Round the Twist (80440) **2.00** Bailey Kipper (8352) **2.30** Littlest Pet Shop (3372) **3.00** Stickin' Around (4759) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (5117) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (7952) **4.30** Rugrats (3136) **5.00** Sister Sister (9204) **5.30** Sister Sister (4488) **6.00** Moesha (4001) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8681)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (3102759) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (5437204) **1.00** Madison (1296391) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (5436575) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (3907371) **2.30** 9-2-5 (3679407) **3.00** Byker Grove (1596376) **3.30** Hangtime (3674952) **4.00** California Dreams (3660759) **4.30** Saved by the *Bell* (3659643) ***5.00*** Sweet Valley High (5907551) **5.30** Ready or Not (3673223) **6.00** Hangtime (3670136) **6.30** Madison (3661488) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (5802907) ***7.30-8.00*** *California Dreams (3650372)*

BRAVO

8.00pm Twilight Zone (8507515) **8.30** Twilight Zone (4357812) **9.00** LA Heat (9802952) **10.00** Tour of Duty (9812339) **11.00 FILM: Shogun Assassin** (6324204) **1.00am** LA Heat (1494315) **2.00** Tour of Duty (7768421) **3.00 FILM: Bloody Kids** (5165976) **5.00** Twilight Zone (6826808) **5.30** Twilight Zone (3794860)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (9440) **7.30** Family Ties (4865) **8.00** E UK (5488) **8.30** Wings (7223) **9.00** Cheers (35827) **9.30** Taxi (10943) **10.00** Roseanne (62556) **10.30** Garry Shandling (71204) **11.00** Comedy Store (30372) **11.30** Lounge Lizards (29827) **12.00** Soap (92112) **12.30am** Bob (86063) **1.00** Cheers (59179) **1.30** Taxi (85228) **2.00** E UK (94315) **2.30** Comedy Store (95150) **3.00** Roseanne (39315) **3.30** Wings (97402)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Space Precinct (5865556) **9.00 FILM: Journey to the Far Side of the Sun** (5868643) **11.00 FILM: Fist of the North Star** (8924594) **1.00am** The Twilight Zone (5420179) **1.30** One Step Beyond (8971402) **2.00** Friday the 13th (8747334) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (1434841)

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9.00am Simply Painting (3195469) **9.30** *The Garden Show (5439662)* **10.00** Garden Club (3081858) **10.30** Antiques Trail (3117681) **11.00** Homemaker (4811198) **11.30** Graham Kerr (4812827) **12.00** Julia *Child* (3108933) **12.30pm** *Hometime* (5440778) **1.00** This Old House (1209865) **1.30** New Yankee Workshop (5449049) **2.00** The House (3002925) **2.30** Angling *Adventure (3675681)* ***3.00*** *Hooked on Fishing* (4557010) **3.30** Go Fishing (3654198)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Plot to Kill Hitler (3666933) **4.30** Fire (3662117) **5.00** Next Step (9307317) **5.30** Jurassica (3653469) **6.00** The Big Animal Show (3676310) **6.30** Wildlife (3667662) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (9402961) **7.30** The Battle for Vietnam (3663846) **8.00** Mysterious Universe (9602169) **8.30** Ghosthunters II (4452465) **9.00** Myths of Mankind — the Flood (9882198) **10.00** The Quest (9885285) **11.00** Silent Warriors (1286914) **12.00** Secret Weapons (3706605) **12.30am** Fire (9037421) **1.00** The Battle for Vietnam (1132605) **1.30-2.00** Next Step (8384686)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The War in the East (9252407) **5.00** Voices from the Western Front (4244488) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (7518681) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Buffalo Bill (5889136)

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UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (36607049) **9.05** Gladrags and Glamour (9077933) **9.15** Gordon Elliot (1860285) **10.05** *Jerry Springer* (8632730) **11.00** Young and the Restless (4743932) **11.50** Brookside (9720488) **12.25pm** Take a Letter (78783428) **12.55** Tempest! (8388952) **1.40** Rolonda (8271285) **2.30** The Heat Is On (2706136) **3.00** Could It Be a Miracle? (3112594) **3.45** Dale with Fate (12106469) **4.05** Jerry Springer (6246681) **5.05** Lingo (46974932) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2700952) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (8193469) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (7694440) **7.05** Hearts Afire (3281310) **7.35** Could It Be a Miracle? (4514876) **8.10** Rolonda (3939372) **9.00 FILM: A Burning Passion: The Margaret Mitchell Story** (9878117) **11.00-12.00** Sex Life Down Under (1710372)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** ZEE Presents **8.00** *Raahat* ***8.25*** *Ek Nazar* ***8.30*** *Ghumta Aana* **9.00** Manabi **9.30** Nagar Pere Roop Nagar **10.00** Taro **10.30** Umeed **11.00** The Low Cal Show **11.30** Kya Scene Hai **12.00** *Darbar* ***12.30pm*** *Raahat* ***1.00 FILM 4.00*** ZEE Zone **4.05** Public Demand **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** In a Jiffy **6.00** Real Countdown **6.25** Ek Nazar **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** *Kamal Kombination* ***7.30*** Banegi Apni Baat **8.00** News **8.35** Dastaan **9.05** Awaazein **10.00** Filmi Baatein **10.30** Purush Kshetra **11.15** ZEE Horror Show

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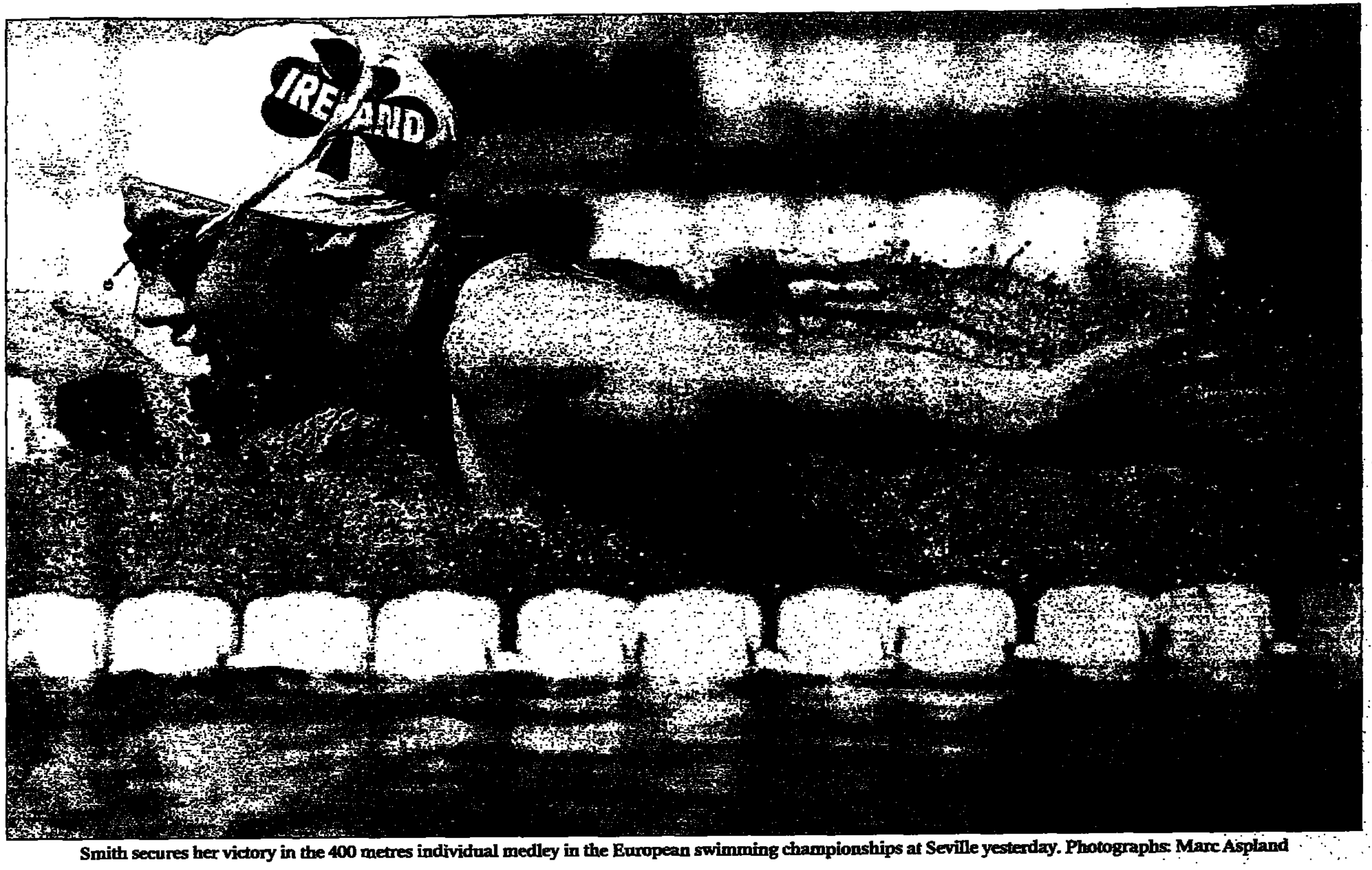

Smith secures her victory in the 400 metres individual medley in the European swimming championships at Seville yesterday. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Michelle Smith stood forlornly on the podium, clutching a crumpled Irish tricolour as she waited to receive her latest gold medal. She had no option but to watch the crowd, consisting mainly of coaches and *fellow competitors, stream towards* the exits. Those who remained at the San Pablo pool here offered her no more than a polite round of applause. The insult was intentional, the victory empty.

That win, in the 400 metres individual medley at the European championships yesterday afternoon, was as predictable as the symbolism of the reaction it that aroused. Damnation by faint praise has become an occupational hazard for the triple Olympic champion since she became a watchword for sport's loss of innocence in Atlanta. She has never failed a drugs test yet an immediate summons to her third in the past week merely added another dimension to *the innuendo.*

"I'm very very proud of what I've done here," she insisted when she emerged from doping control. She maintained firm eye-contact with questioners, but her tremulous voice revealed inner tension. "I don't accept *that I'm damned* if I *do* win and damned if I don't. I've never felt like I wanted to quit this. Swimming is my life. It's what I do, what I love."

Her husband, the former discus thrower, Erik de Bruin, decided that she had been sufficiently effusive. He nudged her in the back, made a *show of bending to collect* her kitbag and led her out of the complex, ignoring her obligation to appear at an official press conference. The remote possibility that she could be banned from the championships as a result will set the media agenda for the *rest of the week.*

Atlanta's morality tale has soured into a sad soap opera, in which Smith has been typecast as principal villain. All champions are, to an extent, isolated by their achievements, but she has been uniquely marginalised by mistrust. She trains alone, *in a four-lane pool in* Kilkenny, and has no close friends in the sport. Her husband is omnipresent, a human shield.

Vendettas in the small, occasionally seamy world of Irish swimming are conducted with a subtlety that owes more to expedience than experience. The majority of officials, cowed into submission by the unprecedented nature of her success, are blithely non-committal in public. Privately, however, they are resentful of having to promote a tainted role model.

The whispering campaign against the Olympic champion shows no sign of losing its momentum. Damning statistics, charting the unlikely nature of her improvements, are *routinely leaked. Details* of her drug-testing programme reach the public domain in similarly surreptitious fashion. Inevitably, those sympathetic to her cause use identical methods to get her counterarguments across.

The gossips have a small-town viciousness in keeping with a scarred sport, because the problems of Irish swimming extend beyond Smith's credibility. Frank McCann, the former Ireland team manager, is serving a life sentence for the murder of his wife and niece. Derry O Rourke, Smith's former coach, is awaiting trial on statutory rape charges involving nine swimmers under the age of 17. George Gibney, head coach of the Ireland squad at the Seoul Olympics, fled the country when he was similarly charged .

To be at his wife's side in Seville, de Bruin was obliged to be uncharacteristically emollient. He apologised to the swimming authorities for forging his accreditation for the last European championship, in Vienna in 1995, but appeared unconcerned by the slur on his character. He makes no attempt to conceal his bitterness at his four-year suspension for drug abuse, which was completed last month.

He is openly dismissive of other coaches, who are suspicious of his refusal to discuss the specifics of his training regime. *His wife, who compet*ed in her married name as a gesture of defiance, is his only pupil. He was in solicitious mood after her heat yesterday morning when she refused all interview requests before being ushered towards Chalkie White, an Ireland swimming coach who, in his secondary role of journalist, has become her principal apologist.

The damage-limitation exercise is overdue. Unlike Amy Van Dyken, of the United States, who became a millionairess after winning two individual gold medals in Atlanta, *Smith is thought to have* earned barely £100,000 from her three Olympic titles. Apart from one appearance in a shampoo commercial, her only other links are with a milk company and the Irish language board.

She is on her third agent in *18 months. The irony is that* the debate that continues to focus on Smith is merely the symptom of a bigger problem.

Don Talbot, of Australia, the most influential coach over the past 30 years, is in Seville lobbying for the adoption of a more cohesive anti-drug policy. He recognises the damage inflicted by the globally-documented unease about Smith, and is affronted by the drug-driven records set by Chinese swimmers. *He insists* that more than four out-of-competition tests a year are required.

"People say why, why, why, but they know very well why," he said. "They don't want to admit that our house in not in order. I'm trying to make sure the drug issue doesn't go away because, in a beauroacratic sport like swimming, it can be put to one side."

Smith has heard the slurs, the unsubstantiated rumours. "I don't listen to it anymore," she insisted. "I have had doping control after doping control. If you are a three-times Olympic champion and No 1 in the world, you've got to be tested as much as, if not *more, than anyone else. I have* been this year."

But her victory yesterday, given suitably bizarre backing by a trumpeter playing *Y Viva España*, again raised more questions than answers. She beat the 15-year-old Ukrainian, Yana Klochkova, over the *last 50 metres, but her most* daunting opponent will remain the Frankenstein monster of her reputation.

Arm raised in triumph, Smith acknowledges her win

Gold for Britain as Palmer triumphs

From Craig Lord
in Seville

PAUL PALMER drew first blood for Great Britain under a burning sun here at the European swimming championships yesterday, his victory in the 200 metres freestyle representing his first senior international gold medal.

It was also the nation's first medal of any colour in the event since the distance was introduced 12 championships ago in 1970 — and a second was nearly won by James Salter, who missed the bronze by just 0.01sec after being in last place at all three turns.

Palmer, 22, noted that his win, in 1min 48.95sec, at the San Pablo pool over the favourite, Massimilliano Rosolino, of Italy, was 0.03sec slower than when he finished fourth over the distance in 1993, but winning was more important to him than the time and, given a slightly slower pace, Palmer said: "I never thought I would lose." That confidence was borne out of his Olympic silver medal in the 400 metres freestyle in Atlanta last year.

He said: "I don't want that to sound arrogant, but, after last year, I feel I matter more. I came here and saw Rosolino in training and normally I would have thought, 'God, he looks good', but this time I just thought, 'So *what*, I'm just as good'."

The eight finalists got off to a keen start and raced within a second of each other throughout the four-length battle. Palmer turned third at each of the three turns, but started to overhaul a 0.7sec *deficit at the start of the last* length. With 20 metres to go, he drew level with the Italian, whose spidery stroke was beginning to show signs of stress as panic and pain set in.

Palmer maintained a long and relaxed stroke to edge ahead and win by 0.17sec, *with Bela Szabados, of Hun*gary, third, a further 0.96sec adrift, just ahead of Salter.

Salter, 21, an Englishman who trains in Edinburgh, said he was disappointed that a second Union Flag would not be flying above the San Pablo pool: his heat time had been *faster than his medal-winning* time.

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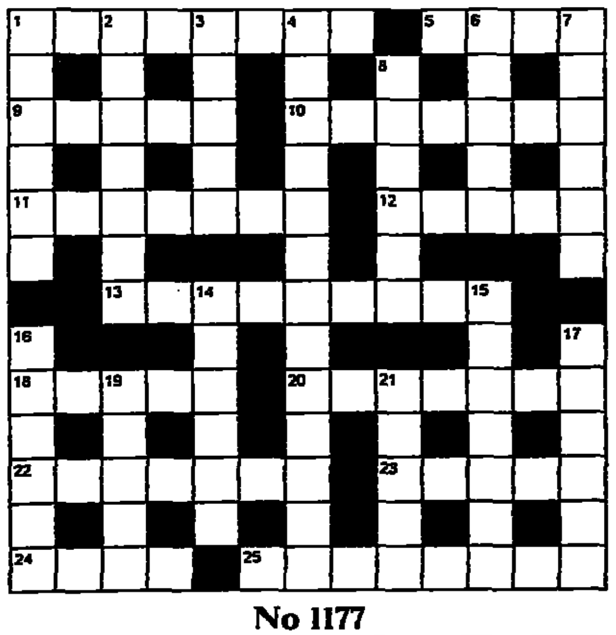

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- 12 Show falsity of (5)
- 13 Unwanted scraps (9)
- 18 Jumped (5)
- 20 Cattle disease, may infect man (7)
- 22 Victoria Falls river (7)
- 23 Green snooker fabric (5)
- 24 (Nordic) character (4)
- 25 Ignored (8)

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- 4 Housing; settlement (13)
- 6 Drive out (5)
- 7 Make more profound (6)
- 8 Soap-film ball; risky investment (6)
- 14 In better condition; gasman (6)
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England ready to let Rowell continue

By Mark Souster

JACK ROWELL is expected to be confirmed as the England coach through to the 1999 World Cup at an emergency *meeting of the* Rugby Football Union's national playing committee in London today. Given Ian McGeechan's decision to turn down the post and the lack of a credible alternative, it is understood that Rowell will be offered the opportunity to complete the mission he set out on in 1994.

That he wants to continue is not in doubt, but on what terms remains to be seen. He has said that business commitments will restrict him to a part-time role, while the RFU has been adamant that a full-time coach is necessary. However, it is felt that with give and take on both sides and an element of face-saving after the public courting of McGeechan, Rowell will continue.

Rowell, who said yesterday that the issue could have been handled with more sensitivity, was otherwise non-committal, saying only that he was "pretty relaxed" about the situation and did not expect to hear anything conclusive until the end of the month, when his existing contract expires and when the management board would have to ratify the reappointment.

Rowell claims to have ignored a newspaper article on Sunday in which Fran Cotton, who is on the board, but not the playing committee, was critical of his style and dismissive of him as a coach; however, it is known that Cotton telephoned Rowell on Monday to claim he was misquoted.

Time is running out and, with possible contenders unable to be prised away from lucrative long-term contracts and with the RFU reluctant to spend huge sums of money in compensation, the Twickenham heirachy has found itself boxed in.

"We [England] have come through a difficult time with radical change in the team and style of play," he said yesterday. "We now have a platform on which to build." His wish to be allowed to finish the job appears to have been granted, if only by default.

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Lloyd picks moment to rake over the Ashes

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

DAVID LLOYD, the England coach, admitted yesterday that his team had made no progress this summer in narrowing the gap with Australia. On the eve of the final Ashes Test at the Oval, he also expressed his frustration with England's recurrent failings in consistency.

Lloyd told for the first time of his anger behind the closed door of the Trent Bridge dressing-room after the surrender ten days ago that has rendered this last match irrelevant to the series. "I was very straightforward," he said. "It was unacceptable to be bowled out like that.

"We have said time and again that we must eradicate the bad sessions that are costing us matches. It is taking time — more time than I had hoped and more time than most people probably think we should have."

Robert Croft was yesterday released from England's 14-strong party, making way for Phil Tufnell's first Test of summer. Tufnell has been selected in each of the six Test squads, but been sent back to his county before all five previous games. "It's been a strange year," he said yesterday, "just driving up and down all the time."

Tufnell, in jokey mood, reflected on the fact that his only Test cricket in the past three years has been played overseas. "I must be a good tourist," he said. On being told a rumour that the Australians — especially the Waugh brothers — enjoy his bowling, he recalled his most recent Test against them. "Adelaide, last tour. I think we won ... I think I got Mark Waugh out for two."

Devon Malcolm missed yesterday's training session for a benefit lunch, of all things, but he definitely plays *tomorrow. The remaining* doubt involves Dean Headley, who is still struggling with a bruised right heel. Peter Martin will stay with the squad on standby.

Shaun Young, recruited from his county season with Gloucestershire, will make his Test *debut for Australia.*

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